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From the Editor

We talk a lot at Wartburg about what it means to "Be Orange" and how best to explain the meaning of those words.

I understand not everyone gets the "Orange" thing. Being Orange is simultaneously simple and complex. It's Wartburg's mission of challenging students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning. It's lessons learned. It's successes and mistakes. It's lifelong friends. It's the people, buildings and the *feeling* of the place.

As I watched this community rally to face several disasters this past summer—a massive killer tornado and widespread record flooding—I understood that to Be Orange is to *Be There.* Wartburg folks are fully present. We see a challenge, roll up our sleeves and pitch in where we are needed.

As you will see in this and every issue of *Wartburg Magazine*, we Wartburgers are *there* in interesting, exciting and unique ways. I'm proud of that and feel honored to have a hand in telling those stories.

Saul Shapiro, assistant vice president for institutional advancement, took on the task of chronicling the college's response to and **extensive flooding** in Waverly **(page2-3)** with the help of Abby Rod '08. Spencer Albers '10 took the **cover shot**.

Mark Adkins '90 wrote an impressive story about Dr. **Anne Braunschweig Capistrant '89**, an Alaska-based Iditarod racer **(page 10-11)**. One interesting thing of note from the story: More people have scaled Mount Everest than have competed in Alaska's annual sled dog race. Yeah, Anne!

MacKenzie Slavin '10 checked in with pianist **Jim McDonough '96 (page 26),** who will launch his annual holiday tour this winter. (I recommend Jim's wonderful CDs, especially *Homeward Bound: Songs of Faith & Inspiration, Volume II.*)

Keep us posted about you and the exciting things you do. We are thrilled to hear and share your stories!

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Flood Recovery

by Saul Shapiro and Abby Rod '08

Wartburg community pitches in to help Waverly colleagues

The Cedar River was rising ominously.

A flood warning had been issued early Monday, June 9. The National Weather Service forecast the river would crest late Tuesday evening at 17.2 feet, surpassing the record of 16.8 feet in 1999.

But the river kept rising far beyond any previous or anticipated bounds, pouring over its banks and inundating more than half of Waverly, cresting at 19.2 feet. Hundreds of residents evacuated their homes—many quickly and unexpectedly—and sought shelter.

The disaster would test the city's resources, and the Wartburg community would provide much needed assistance.

"The college's role was critical," said Mayor Ivan "Ike" Ackerman. "We never would have made it through this flood—even given the incredible damage we had—without the help of the college."

Institutional involvement included designating June 13 as a Service Day to allow faculty, staff and students to do relief work on college-paid time; coordinating volunteer efforts in the city while spearheading a countywide approach; and providing the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center as a Red Cross emergency shelter for 30 to 70 people for nearly a month with Waverly Manors as interim housing after that.

"The W had amenities that a lot of other shelters might not have—TV, hot showers, air conditioning," said Gary Grace, vice president for administration. "The W also was used by people who were working on their homes and needed a hot shower but didn't have water."

The Red Cross used Players Theater for three weeks as an assistance center, where flood victims could receive money or apply for other resources. Campus Ministry established a flood relief fund similar to one for victims of the Parkersburg tornado in May.

Members of the Wartburg family waded through the muck to help colleagues, neighbors and other residents.

"I know there were numerous faculty and staff out there helping who didn't wear Wartburg on their sleeve—or even their own name on their sleeve—to provide service," Grace said.

Students enlisted with AmeriCorps or volunteered. The summer orientation staff, maintenance department work-study students and some summer

school classes pitched in. Student-run KWAR radio kept residents informed around the clock. WTV 8 aired a flood-related press conference and posted the latest news on its Web site.

Grace, a Waverly city councilman involved with the city's Emergency Operations Center, invited Dr. Dan Kittle, director of Wartburg's Center for Community Engagement (CCE), to a meeting to assess the city's needs.

"Within 48 hours of the event, city officials had tried with a (part-time) staff person to coordinate volunteers, and they realized pretty quickly that it was going to be an overwhelming job," Kittle said.

The city designated the CCE to coordinate volunteer efforts, matching those needing help with the necessary assistance.

It was a formidable task. "Things just snowballed," Kittle said. "It started as something that was simply making matches. We had an equal number of calls with needs as well as people calling wanting to help.

"About two weeks in, we began to realize that we were going to need more volunteers than we had in Waverly. The people in Waverly were going to get tired, understandably tired, so we needed to attract other groups of people to come to our community."

AmeriCorps and volunteers were enlisted from throughout the country—including church groups from Delaware to Montana. The Jewish relief agency Nechama took a lead role.

The Rev. Ramona Bouzard, director of church relations, helped organize an effort with pastors and lay people to canvass flood-ravaged areas to determine residents' needs. It was an eye-opener for Dr. Fred Ribich, professor of psychology and a Waverly city councilman.

"It was a very humbling, yet fulfilling experience to talk with residents about how they were impacted," Ribich said. "The physical, financial and emotional toll of this event on residents is mindboggling."

For its efforts, the CCE received the key to the city. Aug. 4-8 was declared "Wartburg's Center for Community Engagement Appreciation Week."

In September, the CCE helped create the Bremer County Recovery Coalition, a citizen-led group chaired by Kittle that brings together various communities, agencies and faith-based groups from throughout the county.

Wartburg had flood damage estimated at $34,000—primarily to appliances, water heaters and furnaces in Waverly Manors and rental units. At least 35 households of Wartburg faculty and staff sustained damage—some of it substantial.

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>
> *– Dr. Penny Pier*

"The flood breached our first floor," said Dr. Penni Pier, associate professor of communication arts. "We had 18 to 24 inches of water, depending on the area of the house. The current was so strong, there were ripples in our floor boards."

Wartburg provided shelter for her family, while her colleagues came to their aid. "I can't say enough about them," Pier remarked.

Faculty from across the campus, alums and volunteers gutted Pier's home and did the family's laundry. Student Body President Travis Bockenstedt '09, a communication arts major, also pitched in.

"Travis brought the industrial sprayer from his dad's farm and my husband John 'dung out' the basement," Pier said. "When I brought them lunch that day, Travis was covered from head to toe in muck, but he had the biggest smile on his face."

Pier added that some former students started a Facebook page to try to coordinate help. "What wonderful students we have," she said.

Bouzard was impressed by the service ethic of her colleagues.

"The best part was watching Fred (Strickert, professor of religion) and Penni and William Earl (associate professor of communication arts) helping other people while their places were flooded," she said. "They'd pass by a place and ask, 'How can we help with yours?'"

And they showed great ingenuity. "(Religion professor) Brian Jones was going around—he's a fix-it guy—picking up dehumidifiers that people had thrown out. He'd fix them up and then give them away."

Ashley Orris '09 was evacuated from her home, which was an immediate recipient of Nechama's help. After that effort, Orris said, "I received an e-mail from Wartburg asking for volunteers to work for AmeriCorps. ... I jumped at the chance."

Orris and other students pulled up carpet, tore down walls, and removed furniture. "We basically got the basements down to studs and, depending on the extent of the damage, sometimes the upstairs had to be gutted, too," she said.

Sarah Witte '08 worked with CCE. "My role was to make matches between homeowners needing assistance and volunteers. I talked to people about what kinds of needs they had. Then we moved into the demolition phase, and I worked to line up projects for groups such as Nechama and other church groups that came in," said Witte.

Long after the floodwaters had receded, Wartburg continued to contribute to the cause. On Sept. 28, during Family Weekend, Dr. Simon Estes, artist-in-residence and distinguished professor, headlined the Voices of Hope concert with college musical ensembles, raising $33,000 to benefit local churches and residents victimized by the flood.

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FULL THROTTLE: Alumnus joins professor to teach motorcycle industry course

by Saul Shapiro

So picture this: "Legendary" business executive Oscar "Ozzie" Scofield '63, Associate Professor of Business Administration Gloria Campbell, motorcycles and a road trip.

With eight May Term students in tow from their "Trends in Management: Motorcycle Industry," the trek to three motorcycle meccas was more a collective *Pursuit of Happyness* learning about the entrepreneurial experience, rather than a homage to *Easy Rider*.

And *If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Milwaukee* or Columbus or Anamosa. The group visited motorcycle industry titans, past and present, big and small, bound by a common passion for their business.

"What we were able to do is put the students in front of very successful and well-known entrepreneurs," Scofield said, "and they learned that it's not particularly all about money. They heard about their experiences and what they had learned from them, and that's very valuable."

Scofield is on the board of the American Motorcycle Heritage Foundation, which oversees the Motorcycle Hall of Fame in Columbus, Ohio. He's an "Insurance Legend," honored by the industry he has served for more than 40 years, mostly as a reinsurance executive. And he also serves on the Wartburg Board of Regents.

Scofield, an avid biker, logged more than 19,000 miles during a recent five-month stretch from his home base in Winston-Salem, N.C. Campbell prefers nonmotorzied two-wheelers.

"I've never been on a motorcycle," she said, "and I didn't ride one during the course."

Former Wartburg President Jack Ohle asked Scofield if he'd like to teach.

"I know motorcycles and reinsurance," Scofield said, "and I had tired of reinsurance."

Ohle mentioned Scofield's interest to

Oscar "Ozzie" Scofield '63

Campbell, who was teaching "Trends in Management," fueling the idea for the class.

Only three of the students rode bikes before the class.

"We used motorcycles," Scofield said, "but it was about management—manufacturers, distributors, not-for-profit, retailers and banking. They saw every type of institution possible. They got to see people who have common objectives and are working together."

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"The class was not about different types of motorcycles and how many ccs," Campbell added.

"I didn't have a previous interest in motorcycles," said James Nowasell '09 from Grinnell, Iowa. "I was interested in the class because it provided the opportunity to single out one industry and focus completely on its management perspectives, as opposed to studying management on a broad scale."

Julie Clarkson, an associate professor of business administration, got them revved up during their initial week on campus.

A "newbie biker," Clarkson talked about Harley-Davidson's marketing techniques, while offering a marketer's dream testimonial.

"Riding is so much fun," she said. "You lose yourself to the machine in the first 20-30 minutes, and I am still a newbie. More experienced riders lose themselves far sooner. It is like becoming one with the bike. You become intensely focused on it and the ride in a way that is just exhilarating."

Then the class headed out on the highway, alas, in a Wartburg van. First stop: Milwaukee, home of Harley-Davidson, to tour manufacturing facilities and hear a panel headed by Bill Davidson, great-grandson of one of the founders and vice president for core customer marketing; Tchernavia Rocker, senior director of human resources; and Brad Banachowicz, director of Quality and Operational Excellence Quality, Reliability and Technical Services.

"Bill Davidson absolutely blew my mind," said Zach Ward '10 from Waterloo, Iowa. "Here is a guy who doesn't have to work a day in his life ... but insists on leading (Harley-Davidson) into its next era."

After 25 years of continual profits, Harley-Davidson had suffered a recent reversal, leading to layoffs. Scofield saw a silver lining from a management perspective.

"It's much easier to manage in a time of adversity, rather than success," he remarked. "With adversity you know you have to do something better. In good times, you tend to take things for granted."

With the baby boomer market aging, Harley is adapting. It is targeting female riders, who account for $300 million in annual sales, as well as the Hispanic and African-American communities and the 18-34 year-old demographic.

It wasn't all about motorcycles in Milwaukee.

Banker John Leonard '64 took the class to the landmark Karl Ratzsch Restaurant in a setting simulating a business dinner.

"This is what you'll be doing in business," Scofield said, "and you have to learn about it."

The next week, it was off to Columbus for three days.

The class visited AD Farrow, one of the nation's oldest continually operating Harley-Davidson dealers. Owner Bob Althoff described turning a struggling business around.

"Never settle," he said. "Be happy with yourself and what you are doing and pursue your dreams. They will eventually come true."

At the Motorcycle Hall of Fame, they heard from inductee Jack Penton, a renowned off-road rider. His father, John, also a Hall of Fame member, developed the innovative, inexpensive ($700), lightweight off-road bike that bears the family name. Although 25,000 Pentons were manufactured (1968-78) by KTM of Austria, the brand was not effectively marketed by the elder Penton, a one-man band. But Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki and KTM benefited from his breakthroughs.

Craig Vetter, another Hall of Fame racer, built the successful Vetter Corporation, based on improved fairings, which aerodynamically deflect the wind around motorcycles.

"You need to get excited about what you are doing," Vetter advised the students during a teleconference. "Let your passion show through."

At Iron Pony Motorsports, Frank Lark, marketing director of the 100,000-square-foot emporium of parts, apparel and accessories, described turning a one-time novelty store into the "Nordstrom's of the industry."

From left: Scofield; Ben Knutson '10; Adam Weber '10; Luke Tjosvold '08; William "Bill" Davidson (seated on motorcycle); Ben Paulsen '08; Zakh Ward '10; Zarchary Barnes '09; James Nowasell '09; Lucy Clark '09; Tchernavia Rocker of Harley-Davidson human resources; and Gloria Campbell posed for this photo when the Wartburg Trends in Management course visited the Harley-Davidson factory in Milwaukee, Wis.

A shorter trek to Anamosa, Iowa, was on tap the next week.

J&P Cycles, the nation's largest aftermarket parts retailer, was founded in 1979 by John Parham, yet another Hall of Famer.

John and his, wife, Jill, "do it together and they do it successfully," said Campbell.

"They are one of the most entrepreneurial families I know," said Scofield.

Son, Zach '07, graduated from Wartburg with an accounting/business administration-marketing degree and went to work for the family business.

The Parhams are a study in perseverance, overcoming an inauspicious start—buying parts at swap meets, financial difficulties and a devastating fire. They recently expanded into Florida with their Destination Daytona Super Store.

They now boast 300 employees. "John and Jill realized early on they couldn't do it by themselves," Scofield said. "They built the business and the infrastructure but realized it wasn't a one-person show."

For Ben Paulsen '09, Anamosa was the highlight.

"Seeing a person who grew up in a small town became so successful was a huge inspiration for me. I'm from a small town, Olin, just 15 miles from Anamosa."

Ward was impressed, too.

"If I were to choose one company to work for," he said, "it would be J&P Cycles. They have an eye on the future, carefully watch trends and are preparing themselves for all possibilities."

Indeed, dealing with constant change was the key "takeaway" for Paulsen.

"Never stop learning," he said. "After the various discussions with CEOs and business people, it became a fact that you can never stop learning in the changing world of today."

So score one for "Ozzie and the Art of the Motorcycle Business"—as the students gave a wave of gratitude to the leader of the pack.

"Ozzie showed us what it means to be a Wartburg alum," Nowasell said. "He provided us with great contacts and showed us many different sides of the industry, and was completely open to our thoughts and ideas. ... He made the class one of my greatest experiences at Wartburg."

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Journal: Alumnae trio train for half-marathon

Editor's note: Former Wartburg roommates Stephanie Ladlie Myers '00 of Liberty, Mo., Kim Bjork '00 of Mount Vernon, Iowa, and Kelly Willrett Pearson '00 of Chandler, Ariz., have a lot in common. All are committed to education: Stephanie is fine arts coordinator for the Liberty Public Schools; Kim is an elementary school teacher; and Kelly is a musician and piano studio teacher.

In January 2007, the trio ran a half-marathon in Phoenix, Ariz. They trained "together" for five months before—in three different states. "During that time we strengthened our cardiovascular systems and the friendship we formed seven years ago," said Stephanie.

Below are excerpts from a journal Stephanie kept while training for the half-marathon.

by Stephanie Ladlie Myers '00

(From left) Stephanie Ladlie Myers '00, Kelly Willrett Pearson '00 and Kim Bjork '00 gave each other one last bit of encouragement before embarking on a half-marathon in Phoenix, Ariz. The trio roomed together while students at Wartburg.

Photo submitted

Aug. 20, 2006 Kelly called me tonight and told me we are running a half-marathon Martin Luther King Day weekend January 2007. I laughed. Does she think I'm crazy? "You don't have a choice, Steph; I'm setting the goal for you," she says. "Here's what you need to do this week."

She proceeds to tell me how to plot out a mile-long course near my house and start walking and jogging daily. She advises me to get a new pair of running shoes and visit jeffgalloway.com to print out a training plan for myself. She's calling us Team Wartburg. I have exactly 21 weeks to train (that is, if I decide to train).

Aug. 21, 2006 I walked briskly for 37 minutes tonight (half of it pushing my 15-month-old in her stroller). According to www.mapmyrun.com, I walked 2.33 miles. So, at that rate I would be able to walk a 13-mile half marathon in 206 minutes (or a little under 3.5 hours). Luckily for me, I checked the half-marathon rules and they let you participate if you can finish in less than four hours! This makes me feel a lot better about my chances of finishing the race.

Aug. 25, 2006 I didn't exercise at all yesterday or today. Yesterday I stayed after school longer to work on lesson plans. We got groceries and cleaned the house and then my mom called: My brother was trapped in a tornado while visiting his girlfriend's parents. He is OK, but his car and their house are totaled. I hear from my brother later, but I'm not in the mood to exercise.

Today I had a rough day at work. My schedule is packed full, and my plan time (all 50 minutes of it) seems to disappear at twice the speed of normal time. I had all the elementary music teachers over to my place tonight for a party, but I ended up weary and sobbing after they all left and my husband came back home. How will I meet my own expectations as a teacher, mother, wife, Christian—and still exercise? Maybe I made a mistake returning to work full time.

Aug. 26, 2006 Kim replied to my e-mail today; she is planning on going to Phoenix, too. The things Kelly talks us into.

Sept. 8, 2006 I take my daughter, Carmen, for another 40-minute run/walk in the stroller. I discover that running in our neighborhood makes me covet things like a jogging stroller, new Saucony running shoes and spiffy running clothes that make me imagine my thighs aren't really touching and my butt isn't really bouncing.

Sept. 13, 2006 Kim e-mailed me about airline tickets tonight. I need to request a day off for the trip and budget money for my registration and ticket.

Sept. 17, 2006 My husband says he can see my leg muscles becoming more defined. Bonus!

Sept. 30, 2006 I attempted to walk my 4-mile "long run" today with Carmen in the stroller. I managed to keep her content for an hour using snack packs of Kix cereal, a sippy cup of apple juice, her Barbie sunglasses, a board book and a stuffed bunny. Three or four blocks from home she wriggled herself out of her safety belt and refused to sit back down in the stroller. I ended up carrying her for two blocks and letting her walk the rest of the way home with me. So, my four-mile run that I hoped would take 60 minutes ended up taking an hour and 18 minutes. Based on that rate, I would be able to finish the marathon in 4.225 hours! I keep telling myself how much faster I can be just by moving without a stroller and the rolling hills on my neighborhood route.

Kim and I chose our flights today. Now I really can't back out; I've got too much money and time into this deal.

Oct. 8, 2006 My friend, Cassie, and I ran 5 miles Sunday morning in one hour 11 minutes and 47 seconds. I've been hungry and tired all day, but I feel excited that I actually moved 5 miles this morning at 6:30 a.m.!

Oct. 13, 2006 Kelly wants us to add sit-ups and push-ups to our workout routine. I don't think so.

Oct. 29, 2006 I finished my long run last Sunday afternoon. It took me 1 hour 44 minutes and 41 seconds. I alternated running three minutes and walking one minute. What an accomplishment! It really motivated me this week. I even went to a local running store and had my stride analyzed. I spent more money on a new pair of Mizuno running shoes than I have ever spent on a pair of shoes before. They are bigger than my husband usually wears!

Nov. 18, 2006 My schedule itself has been a marathon lately.

Nov. 30, 2006 On Thanksgiving Day I ran a 5K race with my friend Cassie. My time was 36 minutes and 55 seconds. I jogged the whole way and came in 62nd out of 69 runners in my age bracket. There were almost 1,300 runners total, and I came in No. 1163! My friend Cassie, who is more experienced, came in No. 1072.

Jan. 1, 2007 December was a very hectic month.

I had the best of intentions to continue my training throughout the holidays as we visited family in Iowa and Minnesota. However, I came down with a violent stomach flu Christmas Eve night and ended up in the hospital Christmas morning. Needless to say I did not get much exercise accomplished for the next few days. I had virtually no appetite or energy until the next weekend. At least I avoided holiday weight gain!

Once we got back to Missouri I had time to recover, unpack, do laundry and get back to my regular training schedule. I can't believe the race is less than two weeks away!

Jan. 7, 2007 I trained right on schedule this week, alternating running days with time in the weight room. I did my long run Sunday afternoon. It was 42 degrees out when I left. I ran 3.25 miles to the new junior high, then .5 miles on the track, then 3.25 miles back home. My time was 1:51. That puts me a little more than 200 minutes for the real race next weekend: 13.1 miles in 3.5 hours, just like I planned back at registration time.

Jan. 21, 2007 **Day of the event**
On the morning of the marathon, Phoenix was experiencing record cold temperatures. It was an ironic twist of fate that I had flown from the frozen Midwest in January only to see fountains freeze mid-air in Arizona! Kelly ran ahead with her usual running partner, but Kim and I stuck together until the bitter end. We even treated ourselves to a (short) break at the halfway point! My finishing time was 3:21:04, with an overall place of 17,559, a division place of 1,966 and a gender place of 10,434.

After the marathon I quit running, but I still exercise almost daily. It really empowered me to pursue other personal goals, though. I started graduate school last summer, which I figure takes up about the same amount of time weekly as my half-marathon training. I am thankful to Kelly and Kim for their enthusiasm and dedication that fall. Training with them and completing the half-marathon together was much better than meeting each other at a reunion.

Myers is pursuing a master's degree in music education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

COMMISSION ON MISSION

Wartburg College's Commitment to Living Out its Mission

Kennedy to receive Graven Award

by Janeen Stewart

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will make a public address at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in Neumann Auditorium to launch the Commission service events.

Earlier that day in an 11:30 a.m. ceremony in the Wartburg Chapel, Wartburg will honor Kennedy with the Graven Award in recognition of his extensive service to "community, church, and society" on environmental issues.

Robert Kennedy Jr.

An environmental activist and attorney, Kennedy's reputation as a resolute defender of the environment stems from many successful legal actions. He was named one of *Time Magazine's* "Heroes for the Planet" for helping Riverkeeper lead the successful fight to restore the Hudson River. The group's achievement helped spawn more than 160 Waterkeeper organizations across the globe.

Kennedy serves as senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and president of Waterkeeper Alliance.

He also is credited with leading the fight to protect New York City's water supply. The New York City watershed agreement, which he negotiated on behalf of environmentalists and New York City watershed consumers, is regarded as an international model in stakeholder consensus negotiations and sustainable development.

In addition, Kennedy is a clinical professor and supervising attorney at Pace University School of Law's Environmental Litigation Clinic and is co-host of *Ring of Fire* on Air America Radio. Earlier in his career, he served as assistant district attorney in New York City.

He has worked on environmental issues across the Americas and has assisted several indigenous tribes in Latin America and Canada in successfully negotiating treaties protecting traditional homelands.

Among Kennedy's published books are the New York Times bestseller *Crimes Against Nature* (2004); *The Riverkeepers* (1997); and *Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr.: A Biography* (1977).

Kennedy is a graduate of Harvard College. He studied at the London School of Economics and received his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. He was awarded a master's degree in environmental law from Pace University Law School.

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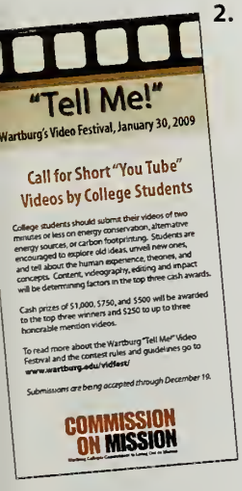
Service symposium to focus on environmental stewardship

The Commission on Mission Service Task Force has planned three major events in January that highlight service in the arts, community and society with a special focus on the environment.

1. **Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will receive the Graven Award** at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in the Wartburg Chapel. He will speak at 7 p.m. that day in Neumann Auditorium. Both events are free and open to the community. For more information, go to www.wartburg.edu/commission.



2. **Wartburg to host juried video festival**

   Service to the environment will be showcased through "Tell Me"–a juried video festival—Friday, Jan. 30.

   The Service Task Force has coordinated a competition of videos produced by college students addressing one of three issues: energy conservation, alternative energy sources or carbon footprinting. Students are encouraged to explore old ideas or unveil new ones in either short form "YouTube-style" videos (two minutes or less) or long form (eight to 10 minutes).

   "Tell Me" will conclude with an awards ceremony and viewing the afternoon of Jan. 30.

3. **Information fair to highlight environment**

   A "Go Green" Fair is planned from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 31, on the Wartburg campus as an opportunity to engage the Greater Waverly community in issues of sustainability.

   Co-sponsored by Waverly Light & Power, the event will serve as a venue for both WL&P and the college to educate community members of all ages about energy conservation and alternative energy sources.

   The fair will celebrate the installation of a new wind turbine being built east of Waverly to help offset the carbon-based energy used in the 200,000-square-foot Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center. Wartburg entered into an agreement with WL&P in April 2007 to provide funds for the purchase of the wind turbine.

Commission task force sets slate for Learning Symposium

Marc Prensky

The Learning Task Force of Commission on Mission has invited to campus several education experts to help the Wartburg community examine learning in the 21st century.

Marc Prensky, internationally acclaimed writer, futurist and inventor in the fields of education, technology and learning, will spend two days on campus, March 11 and 12.

At a public address March 11 at 7 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium, Prenksy will speak on 21st century challenges for education and learning. On March 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the McCaskey Lyceum, he will conduct "Interviews with 'Digital Natives,'" in which he engages students in a conversation about their experiences with coursework, learning and technology.

The afternoon of March 12 he will work with faculty on developing teaching strategies that use 21st century technology to increase student engagement in learning.

Dr. Sylvia Hurtado

On March 17, Dr. Sylvia Hurtado, director of the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California-Los Angeles, will examine the implications of increased diversity in America, and in the college student population particularly, for how colleges deliver education in the future. The event will take place at 11:30 a.m. in McCaskey Lyceum.

Hurtado is a nationally recognized and highly respected authority on what colleges can do to help students develop the cognitive, social and democratic skills necessary for meaningful participation in a diverse democracy. She will challenge Wartburg to examine teaching-learning strategies in light of the coming changes that higher education will face.

A third speaker, to be determined, will examine the meaning and purpose of a liberal arts education in the 21st century.

Commission activities focused on learning will culminate with the college's annual Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship Convocation April 7.

– Janeen Stewart

Alumna, husband enjoy 'sled

by Mark Adkins '90

A classified advertisement in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* changed the lives of Dr. Anne Braunschweig Capistrant '89 and her husband, Todd.

It offered for sale five Alaskan Husky puppies and started a love affair that continues today.

"Anne had gotten the bug to race sleds after we took a ride around a lake near our former home in Ely, Minn.," said Todd, who loved the breed since reading Jack London's classic *Call of the Wild*. "When we saw the ad in the paper, it was the next step. Now, we have our own business and have 24 to 30 dogs in our kennels."

According to Anne, the move to Alaska was like "coming home."

"Todd and I both had chances to go up and purchase dogs," she said. "We fell in love with the area and its people on those trips, so we decided to go ahead and move north."

Todd, Anne and their daughters Rose, 8, and Grace, 6, and the sled dog teams reside at the Hoof N' Woof Kennels, located 20 miles north of Healy, Alaska. The kennel, which opened in 1996, also is a breeding spot for Alaska Huskies.

"We have the genetics from the top Alaskan Husky breeds running through our kennel," Todd said. "Alaskan Huskies aren't registered through the American Kennel Club, due to the fact they have no standards. However, when you're familiar with the breed, you know what top dogs that people want puppies from. So, we got the genetics dock to get the genes of those particular dogs."

The 24-to-30 dog kennel now includes several puppies and older dogs throughout the year. When the couple made the move to Alaska, they started with 50 dogs. However, Todd and Anne both realized that meant long nights on the racing trails.

> *"Alaska offers so much, and to see it through the silence of this race was wonderful."*
>
> *– Dr. Anne Braunschweig Capistrant '89*

Anne Braunschweig Capistrant '89 takes a team out on the trail at this year's Iditarod race. She and her husband, Todd, have been part of the world's most recognized sled dog competition dating back to 1996 when they opened Hoof N'Woof Kennels.

"Usually, you have two teams of 12 dogs," Todd said. "That way you can race one team one day and one team the next. When you start getting into three teams, it's just that much more time for training.

"Most yard races (which are used for training purposes) begin at a mile and a half when you start in August and then increase to as much as 100 miles by Christmas," he added.

Anne and Todd have each been a musher for the Iditarod, the annual race across Alaska. It takes the top teams around nine days to complete, said Anne. This year's turn went to Anne, with a finish in the top 60.

"That's a great effort," Todd admitted. "Anne was a rookie at the Iditarod, and usually when that's the case, you just want to see what you can do with your teams. The more you race, the more familiar you get with your dogs, and vice versa."

Anne called her experience at the Iditarod "all encompassing."

"The relationship I was able to have with my team, getting to know other racers and people who were involved with the event and the scenery were the three things that were most memorable," she said. "(The Iditarod) is a unique opportunity. I've heard it said more people have gone up Mount Everest than been in the Iditarod.

"I think the reason for that is because of having to work with a team of dogs," she added. "In climbing Mount Everest with a team, you know when others are hurt or sick. Dogs can't tell you when something is wrong that way. However, after you develop the relationship with your team, you can see signs and signals when they aren't performing the best. I wouldn't trade that for anything. ... It was neat getting that relationship built. It was also wonderful just meeting so many people along the way.

"My favorite memory was of a checkpoint, in the middle of nowhere, that was staffed by a retired group of FedEx pilots. It was great to just talk with them. The scenery was also a great part of it. Alaska offers so much and to see it through the silence of this race was wonderful."

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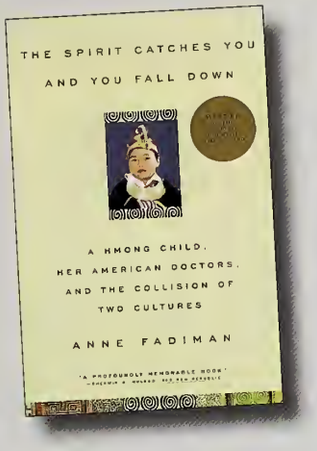
ding life'

The couple is planning a hiatus from the next Iditarod. With a young family and aging dogs on the teams, they are planning on coming back to it within the next year or two.

"We have some puppies coming around that we will begin to train soon," Todd said. "We'll need to work them in and prepare for our next go around."

Adkins is sports information director and edits sports for Wartburg Magazine.

Todd, Anne, Rose and Grace Capistrant are all involved with sled dog racing. While Todd and Anne have run the Iditarod and other events, their daughters also have jumped into the sport by competing in one and two-dog races for kids and will begin to train for longer events as they get older.



'Readings in Common' selection focuses on disabilities

All first-year students have read Anne Fadiman's *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors and the Collision of Cultures* for the 2008-09 "Readings in Common" selection.

"The book was chosen for its ability to speak to essential questions about the human condition; its accessibility for a wide range of readers; and its ability to speak to this year's campus theme," said Dr. Rebecca Blair, professor in residence of liberal studies and coordinator of Readings in Common.

The Spirit Catches You explores the clash between the Merced Community Medical Center in California and a Laotian refugee family over the care of Lia Lee, a Hmong child with severe epilepsy. Lia's parents and doctors try to provide her with the best care but have difficulty communicating.

Fadiman is the recipient of a National Magazine Award for reporting and a John S. Knight Fellowship in Journalism. *The Spirit Catches You* won the National Book Critics Award for Nonfiction.

The Readings in Common program began in 2003. Prior to that time, only first-year students were required to read a common text for Inquiry Studies 101 courses. Readings in Common extended an invitation to read the common book selection to all students, faculty, staff, administrators, members of the Board of Regents, alumni and friends of the college.

The program is informed by the vision that College is a Common Conversation, Blair explained. We use the Readings in Common text to provide students with the experience of critical reading, thinking and writing, as well as the chance to inquire about and reflect on the dimensions of the common learning experience and how this experience of liberal learning currently takes place and has historically taken place as a conversation.

Past reading selections include *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson, *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok and *A Hope in the Unseen* by Ron Suskind.

Diversity per se is not an intentional aspect of the Readings in Common book choices, although diversity is a crucial aspect of the human condition and our relationships with each other, said Blair. The program aims to provide students with a broad range of human experience to encourage them to reflect upon what it means to be human what informs human identity and what choices humans are faced with as they live into that identity as well as the consequences of those choices.

– Karris Golden

Thompson has 'experience of lifetime' at U.S. Open

by Mark Adkins '90

Kate Thompson '09 has seen a lot of professional golf.

However, she and her family had never seen it as up close and personal until they attended the U.S. Women's Open last summer.

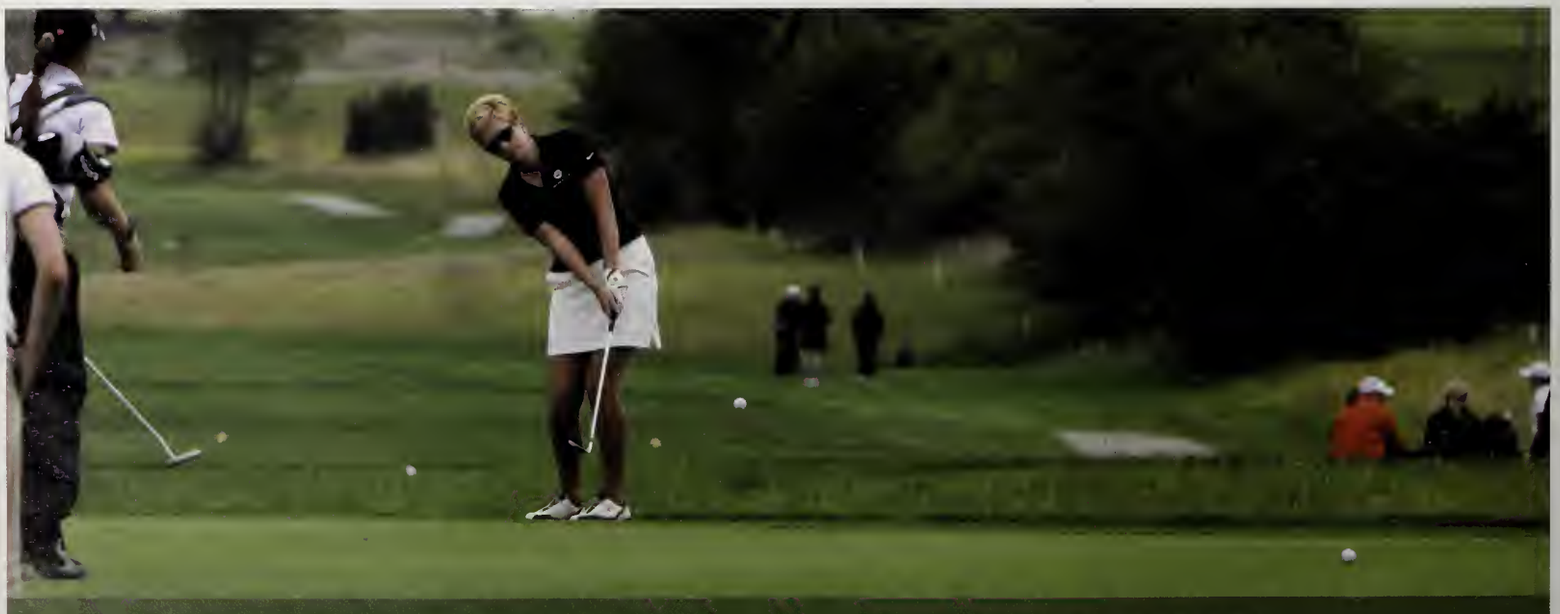
Thompson's opportunity to view one of the Ladies Professional Golf Association major events came about because of her play on the course. She was tabbed a second-team Duramed Futures Tour All-American last spring, opening the door for her to play in the Best Buy Charity Classic during the U.S. Open at Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minn.

"I've had some great experiences in my life," she said. "However, I won't soon forget that weekend. To see all of those pros playing on such a big stage and to be able to play with and get to know so many other collegiate golfers was just awesome."

She and the entire All-American list for NCAA Divisions I, II and III were paired with corporate sponsors for the LPGA Tour to play in the Classic.

"It was basically a chance for those sponsors to be able to play the course (for the Open)," Thompson said. "In regard to playing in the Classic, I really enjoyed just being able to get to know the rest of the other collegiate golfers. I never had a chance to sit down and talk with (them) at nationals. There was just so much going on that time. ... At the Classic, we did get that opportunity."

Thompson gained entrance to her U.S. Open weekend by garnering second team Duramed Futures Tour All-American honors at the annual National Golf Coaches Association tournament banquet last May. She is shown above with her All-American certificate and her parents, Dave and Sue, and head women's golf coach Monica Severson.



Kate Thompson '09 and the Wartburg women's golf team hosted the 2008 NCAA Division III national tournament last May. Wartburg finished 10th.

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Kate Thompson '09, a second team All-American, joined regional representatives from XM Satellite Radio in the tournament. Several corporate sponsors were part of the Classic field.

After playing the Woodbury Golf Club outside of Minneapolis, which Thompson said was a "challenge," she and her parents, Dave and Sue, made the trek to the Open with tickets in hand.

"It was incredible just walking into the clubhouse with the access we had," she said. "We walked right by Lorena Ochoa's family. ... You never get to see what it's like behind the scenes at a professional tournament, so it was neat for all of us to see these golfers that we watch on television just hanging around together."

Their golf view added to the experience.

"We realized, once you get in, that you need to pick a green and stay there if you want to see a lot of the players come through," she said. "We picked the par three number 12 first. It's amazing to see the people that follow certain golfers, too. The crowd with Annika (Sorenstam) was incredible, which we saw when we moved to number eight later in the day, but we figured it would be as she will be retiring this year."

Did watching the world's best make the senior want to continue playing after final collegiate season?

"The thing I like the most about golf is that it will always be there," she said. "I've thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Wartburg golf program and am looking forward to a great ending this year.

"I guess I never saw myself taking it any farther than college," she added. "I've got a great opportunity centered around medical school and biochemistry next year. That is what I had been aiming at. However, that doesn't mean I won't pick up the clubs and play in some tournaments here and there with friends."

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Head football coach Rick Willis joined select company, winning his second, football opener at the same school when the Knights disposed of St. Norbert, 44-20, Sept. 6.

Rachel Oswald '09 of Dubuque, Iowa, reset the women's soccer record books in September, posting new standards for points and goals. She and her teammates were off to a 3-1-1 start after defeating Augustana (Ill.) 1-0 Sept. 10.

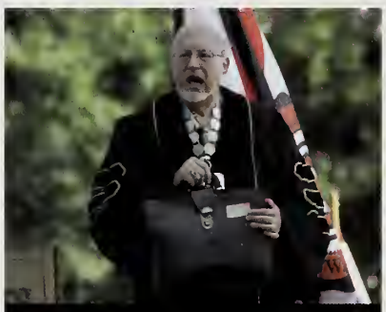
Amanda Barkema '08 paid a visit to her alma mater as head coach of the Knox College women's tennis team in early September. Her Prairie Fire defeated the Knights 5-4.

Worth Repeating

I am pleased to issue

a challenge to the class of 2012. Your mission, should you choose to accept it … is to embrace the challenging and nurturing mission of this faculty and community as a spirited expression of your faith and learning. … I invite you to a journey that can be as exciting as you want to make it.

– Dr. William E. Hamm, '66 interim Wartburg president, addressing Opening Convocation Sept. 2 with his speech titled *Mission: Possible*



During his Opening Convocation address, Hamm '66 showed students a special gift he received from Dr. Ronald Matthias '54 — a briefcase owned by the late Dr. Gerhard Ottersburg, long-time Wartburg history professor.

Back in the day,

prospective students applied to *their* colleges—the place or places that their community expected them to attend. Applying to several colleges is a principle symptom of the changes that have occurred in the relationship between religion and American culture. … It's an example of one of the chief markers of the changing role of religion in the U.S., namely the proliferation of religious options and the willingness or openness of Americans to consider those options.

– The Rev. Dr. Mark Wilhelm, associate director for educational partnerships and institutions and director for colleges and universities for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Chicago, speaking in Neumann Auditorium Sept. 16

The Rev. Dr. Mark Wilhelm

It's not easy

for us to learn this, but it's ever so important that we come to see difference as a gift and not as a problem.

– Dr. Tom Christenson, professor of philosophy at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, Wartburg's sister institution, speaking Sept. 30 at a point-counterpoint event sponsored by the Faith Task Force of Commission on Mission

What does it

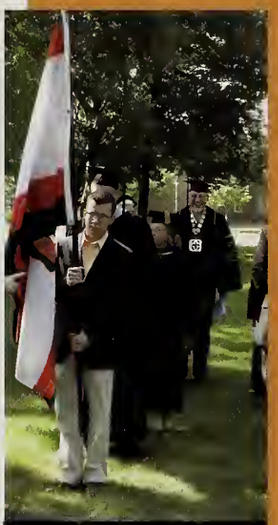
mean to Be Orange in a post-9/11 world, where orange is no longer a color but a severe, high-threat level?

– The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, professor of religion and co-chair of the Faith Task Force of Commission on Mission, introducing the Sept. 11 student/alumni panel "Climates of Fear, Testimonies of Hope and Faith"

Another teacher

came to the door of my classroom and said, 'My husband just called and said someone hit the Twin Towers with a plane.' … by 9:20 a.m., the first child had been picked up, and there was a steady loss throughout the day. … At one point we were watching the news coverage on TV in the teachers' lounge, and the skyline view of what they were showing was the same as what I saw outside the window. I thought, 'What kind of bad movie am I in?'

– Sandra Hansen '00, who was a teacher in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, recalling her experiences during a Sept. 11, 2008, student/alumni panel, "Climates of Fear, Testimonies of Hope and Faith"



Bockenstedt '09 carried the Wartburg College flag during Opening Convocation 2008.

When I

was younger, my parents always said, 'You need to go to college. Even if you want to be a garbage man, you should be the best garbage man you can be. That comes from two people who didn't go to college. … I'm a first-generation college student and proud of it.

– Student Body President Travis Bockenstedt '09 addressing students at Opening Convocation Sept. 2

I see more emphasis being put

on peace overall. One problem our generation faces is … there is a huge wall between us and the Middle East, and us and the rest of the world. We need to take time and make sure we are educated about other cultures.

– Abhay Nadipuram '10 of Waterloo, Iowa, speaking during a Sept. 11 student/alumni panel, "Climates of Fear, Testimonies of Hope and Faith"

I am a businessman

and not a pastor, but I can tell you there are thousands and thousands of CEOs like me who are meeting in Bible studies on a regular basis.

– Cedar Valley entrepreneur and businessman Merrill Oster speaking Oct. 17 at the Leadership Symposium and Dinner, sponsored by the Leadership Task Force of Commission on Mission

Andrew Carlson '10, Nathaniel Maldonaro '11, Abhay Nadipuram '10, Kartika Putri '09, and Sandra Hansen '00

It's been said that

if you want to walk fast, walk by yourself. But if you want to walk far, walk with others. … (Dialog) breaks down walls, and we start seeing each other as humans. … We are called to walk with others, not to walk alone.

– The Rev. Khader El-Yateem, pastor of Salam Arabic Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., speaking during chapel services. He served as pastor in residence at Wartburg in early September as part of events coordinated by the Commission on Mission Faith Task Force.

I personally try to

be hopeful. Sometimes I think it's hard when something has happened and we can't really change. But nothing is impossible.

– Kartika Putri '09 of Jakarta, India, talking about how she views the world during a Sept. 11 student/alumni panel "Climates of Fear, Testimonies of Hope and Faith"

I have a fairly

narrow definition of community, and I don't think community emerges very much in a population this large. … I think college is about friendships, and if you're lucky, some of those friendships have discourse. … At a college of the church, there ought to be religious issues and questions being discussed in late night bull sessions. … And cell phones may destroy that.

– Dr. Robert Benne, director of the Center for Religion and Society at Roanoke College, Salem, Va., Wartburg's sister institution, speaking Sept. 30 at a point-counterpoint event sponsored by the Faith Task Force of Commission on Mission

It's hard to be

optimistic with my brothers and brother-in-law being in the military and just seeing the ignorance people have, just all around, in big cities and small cities and just everywhere.

– Nathaniel Maldonado '11 of San Bernardino, Calif., speaking during a Sept. 11 student/alumni panel "Climates of Fear, Testimonies of Hope and Faith"

Not being knowledgeable

about other people is the reason we have these problems today.

– Andrew '10 of Sioux Center, Iowa, speaking during a Sept. 11 student/alumni panel "Climates of Fear, Testimonies of Hope and Faith"

Christenson, left, and Benne, right, traveled to Wartburg to speak about issues affecting colleges of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America during a point-counterpoint conversation moderated by the Rev. Larry Trachte '66, center, Wartburg College pastor.

I was especially

interested in … 'Students cover NIU tragedy' on page 8 of the summer 2008 *Wartburg Magazine*.

Just as the fall semester was launching in Waverly in September 1976, Wartburg co-ed and *Trumpet* staff member Lisa Peak was murdered. As a student and president of our Society of Collegiate Journalists at that time, I observed that Wartburg's journalism students exhibited a professional respect in covering the tragedy. It was a time of a united campus, with resident assistants carefully using their training to share the facts on each dorm—floor meetings informal gatherings with counselors available in the Student Union and friends bonding to assure the safety of other students. Following two memorial services, the support continued: Wartburg faculty and staff, college pastor Larry Trachte, Waverly police and so many individuals from the surrounding community remained helpful during the following months of FBI inquiries. … At the time, I honestly believed Wartburg students exhibited more sensitivity and professional integrity in covering the story while talking to Lisa's grieving family members and friends than many professional journalists, who seemed to invade campus and were overbearing or intrusive in interviews, especially after the campus memorial service.

From my perspective, a notable exception was Chuck Offenburger of The *Des Moines Register*. Chuck shared both personal emotions and factual insights in his column. I believe that his handling of the situation was a helpful part of my Wartburg education, serving me well in my job two years later to make me a better—and more compassionate—daily newspaper editor.

– Former communication arts/journalism major Martha Mensink Oskvig '78 of Milford, Iowa, in an e-mail to the editor of *Wartburg Magazine*

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

1943

The Rev. **BOB WIEDERAENDERS**, Dubuque, Iowa, retired March 31. He was archivist for Wartburg Theological Seminary and Region 5 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 1964.

1950

The Rev. **ARNOLD IMBROCK**, Waverly, Iowa, was honored June 22 for 17 years of pastoral service to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Waterloo. His 55th ordination anniversary was June 7.

1952

HERB HILDEBRANDT, Ann Arbor, Mich., University of Michigan professor emeritus, presented *Some Philosophical Underpinnings of Communication: Western and Eastern Foundations as Seen in Commonplace Principles* at Nanyang University's Singapore Southeast Asia Business Conference.

1953

The Rev. **ROBERT LYNNE**, Bismarck, N.D., was awarded an honorary Doctor of Leadership during the University of Mary's 2008 commencement ceremony May 3.

1954

The Rev. **GEORGE HANUSA**, Des Moines, Iowa, is the 2008 Windsor Heights Citizen of the Year. He is currently the president of the Windsor Heights Foundation and has served in many volunteer roles for a number of years. He served as a member of the Ad Hoc Shelter House Committee and has been involved with the Windsor Heights Chamber of Commerce. Regionally, he has worked as the co-chair of the World Refugee Day to introduce Iowans to refugees and the resettlement programs that help them transition to new, safe homes.

1957

HARVEY and Mary **FOLKERTS**, Rochelle, Ill., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 19.

1958

Dr. **DARRELL '59** and **JANET BENGTSON WIENER**, Hinton, Iowa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 22.

1963

HAROLD WEBSTER, Buffalo, Minn., recently published several poems in a British magazine.

1964

RONALD BURRICHTER, Gainesville, Fla., presented *Bridging the 'Voice Studio vs. Instrumental Performer' Gap* at the International Society of Music Educators Conference in Bolognia, Italy, in July. He and his wife, Dr. Brenda Smith, presented a second paper at the same conference titled *Strategies for Lifelong Singing*. Ron is a professor of music (voice) at the University of Florida.

Dr. **CURTIS KLAASSEN**, Leawood, Kan., is the 2008 recipient of the Herbert E. Stokinger Award. This award is given each year to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the broad field of industrial and environmental toxicology. Curt is a professor of toxicology at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City.

1965

The Rev. **JAY KAMRATH**, Wausau, Wis., retired June 15 from parish ministry. He served congregations in Pollock, S.D., Mabel, Minn., and Denmark, Wis., before returning to Wausau in 2002 where he was ordained June 15, 1969.

1966

JIM SIMPSON, Elk River, Minn., retired Nov. 30 as bank president for 27 years at The Bank of Elk River.

1967

ALAN HILLEMAN, Marshalltown, Iowa, retired after 20 years of service with the USDA/Farm Service Agency Jan 31.

KAREN GOECKE HILLEMAN, Marshalltown, Iowa, retired after 12 years of service with RACOM Corp.

1969

SANDY LUCKRITZ MAUCK, Circleville, Ohio, retired after 17 years from teaching third grade at Chieftain Elementary with the Logan-Hocking School District, Logan, and 25 years of teaching.

RUSS TALBOT, Belmond, Iowa, was appointed as a governor of the Iowa State University Foundation, Ames. Members are appointed for life and serve as ambassadors and advocates for ISU.

1971

JIM HOTZ, Fredericksburg, Iowa, retired after 37 years in education. He was the principal at the Sumner-Fredericksburg Middle School.

The Rev. **PAUL JOHNSEN**, Yorktown Heights, N.Y., is the pastor at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

1974

DAVID KAMM, Decorah, Iowa, was a participant in the 2008 Lutheran Academy of Scholars, "Re-imagining Ourselves and Others: Art, Religion, and Responsibility," at Harvard University, July 6-19.

Dr. Carolyn Brown '78, of Conway, Ark., performed in a series of recitals and presented master classes with the Sunaura Trio in Shanghai, China, in May. The group performed at the National Flute Association's annual convention in August and will perform on the Clinton Presidential Library Chamber Music Series in spring 2009. Brown will be a featured soloist on the Vivaldi *Piccolo Concerto in C Major* with the Conway Symphony Orchestra in October. She is professor of flute at the University of Arkansas and principal flute with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra.

BRADFORD MATTOCKS was one of 10 Black Hawk County teachers to receive the 2008 Gold Star Awards for Outstanding Teaching, co-sponsored by the R.J. McElroy Trust and KWWL Television. He is a special needs teacher with the River Hills Schools, Waterloo, Iowa.

ROBERT MONDT, Clear Lake, Iowa, retired as middle school principal with the Clear Lake Community Schools.

JOHN ZIETLOW, Manchester, Iowa, retired from West Delaware Middle School after 33 years teaching seventh-grade science and 31 years coaching eighth-grade boys' track.

1975

CRAIG LIMING, Sierra Vista, Ariz., participated in the Annual Arizona State Championship Road Race June 6, placing third.

1976

RANDALL SCHOENFELDER, Harper, Texas, is a telecommunication employee with Hill Country Memorial Hospital, Fredericksburg.

ELIZABETH ZENK, Iola, Wis., opened the Tomorrow River Gallery, Amherst.

1977

The Rev. Dr. **MICHAEL BURK**, Mount Prospect, Ill., was elected Bishop of Southeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

1979

AL AANONSON, Urbandale, Iowa, with Pioneer Hi-Bred International was appointed to the National Institute of Standards and Technology Board of Examiners for the Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award.

JODY LS SCHULTZ TIDWELL, Vermillion, S.D., received her MFA in design and technology with an emphasis in lighting, sound design and technical direction in May from the University of South Dakota.

1980

ROGENE TWEETEN BERGQUIST, St. Louis Park, Minn., is a supervisor, critical care, care integration department, Methodist Hospital. She supervises social workers and registered nurse case managers in acute care units and emergency room.

Dr. **DENNIS BRICAULT**, Chicago, Ill., was granted tenure and promoted to professor of Spanish and English as a Second Language with North Park University.

1981

The Rev. **JIM DUEHRING**, Marquette, Mich., is the pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Harvey.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

1982

SUSAN BAHE, Lakota, N.D., is a science teacher with the Lakota Public School. One of her students won state honors at the North Dakota State Science Fair and a trip, with Susan, to the International Science and Engineering Fair, Atlanta, Ga. This is her third student to win this honor.

1983

JOEL DIECKMANN, DeWitt, Iowa, is vice president of commercial and agricultural lending at DeWitt Bank & Trust Co.

RUSS NORDMAN, Council Bluffs, Iowa, is an associate professor in the Art and Art History Department at the University of Nebraska, Omaha.

1984

Dr. **BRENDA BARTH ROMAN**, Middletown, Ohio, was promoted to full professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Boonshoft School of Medicine, Wright State University, Dayton. In 2007 she was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honor society for academic achievement, and also received a faculty development award. She continues as director of medical student education in psychiatry at the Boonshoft School of Medicine.

1985

Dr. **PERRY** and Jennifer **GEISTLER**, Manchester, Mo., announce the adoption of Amelia Grace June 2007 from China. She was born Sept. 15, 2006, and joins Adeline, 3½.

1987

Roger Zupko and **CONSTANCE CHARLESTON**, Bound Brook, N.J., announce the birth of Joshua Dae. Constance was promoted to contract administrator with the Department of Children and Families.

MATTHEW WEISSENBUEHLER, Parker, Colo., is the director of educational technology with the Jefferson County Public Schools, Golden.

1988

ROXANNE BAUMGARTNER ANDERSON and **CHRIS ANDERSON '89**, Monticello, Iowa, announce the birth of Rachel Baumgartner, June 28. She joins Samantha, 4, and Max, 3. Chris is the superintendent with the Monticello Community School District. Roxie is a stay-at-home mom.

RAY BLANK and Annamarie Smith, Corvallis, Ore., were married Aug. 31. Ray was promoted to manager of The Pizza Pipeline, Eugene. He is becoming a vested partner in the Eugene franchise.

CARLA FERGUSON and Stan Eysink, Pella, Iowa, were married May 2007. Carla graduated in June from Leadership Iowa.

The Rev. **SCOTT MEIER**, Spencer, Iowa, is the senior pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church.

1989

LISA POOCK LaBRIE, Geneseo, Ill., is in the IT team lead with John Deere Construction and Forestry.

KIM COLLIER SCHAUFENBUEL., Owatonna, Minn., played Patsy Cline in the Merlin Players spring production of *Always … Patsy Cline*.

1990

John Davies and **KERRI SPIERING**, Fargo, N.D., announce the birth of Ben Edgar, Jan. 4. He joins Abby, 8, and Jack, 3. Kerri received her doctoral degree in communication from North Dakota State University where she works as director of international programs.

NICOLE STALEY-OWENS, Katy, Texas, is with the gifted and talented department at the Katy Independent School District.

1991

STEVE BLACKLEDGE and Bernadette Del Chiaro, Sacramento, Calif., announce the birth of Oliver Cassius, April 1.

RYAN ERICKSON and Nicole LeMieux, Madison, Wis., were married Sept. 14, 2007. Ryan is a division manager and director of sales with Rockport Shoes.

KERRY KAHLER, Algona, Iowa, earned a Master of Education degree in school guidance and counseling May 18 from Buena Vista University, Storm Lake.

CHARLIE and Julie **KURTZ**, Phillips Ranch, Calif., announce the adoption of Crystal and Ernesto in March. Crystal was born Nov. 30, 1996, and Ernesto was born Feb. 13, 1998.

JEFF MARTIN, Sioux Falls, S.D., works with the *Argus Leader* and *USA Today*.

JIM WESSEL, Phoenix, Ariz., is a vice president and relationship manager in corporate lending with MidFirst Bank, one of the nation's largest privately owned banks.

1992

TIM and Cathy **FISCHER**, Plymouth, Minn., announce the birth of Andrew, July 21, 2007. He joins William, 2½.

STEPHEN GITCH, Scottsdale, Ariz., received his Master in Business Administration/Public Administration on June 9 and Doctoral of Management Student in July.

MELANIE MASTIN NIKOLAI, Stratford, Wis., is a PreK teacher at the Stratford Elementary School.

SARA TIMMERMAN TUBBS, Delmar, Iowa, received her MBA from the University of Dubuque in May. She is the director of residential services with DAC, Inc., Maquoketa.

1993

BRIAN and **RENEE BENZEL BERNHARD**, Commerce City, Colo., announce the birth of Nina Marie, March 13. She joins Simon, 7.

MICHELLE STURTZ BOOKMEIER, Vinton, Iowa, is a strategist I/SCI special education teacher with the Vinton-Shellsburg Middle School.

FELECIA BOONE, Minneapolis, Minn., was selected as one of 40 Fellows to participate in the 2008-09 America's Health Insurance Plans Minority Management Development Program.

Dr. **HEATHER FRAGODT CASE**, Barrington Hills, Ill., has achieved Diplomate status in the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. She is the coordinator of emergency preparedness and response as an assistant director in the scientific activities division for the American Veterinary Medical Association, Schaumburg.

DOUG and **JODI NEUMANN '99 HINRICHS**, Eldridge, Iowa, announce the birth of Alexa Jo, May 31. She joins Brian, 19, and Kelli, 14.

DANIEL MAHRAUN and Leslie Mordecai, Lindsborg, Kan., were married Nov. 21, 2007. Daniel is an associate professor of music with Bethany College.

Are you a leader?

How did leadership experiences from your Wartburg days influence your professional and/or personal life? Let us know at alumni@wartburg.edu.

FEEDBACK

LANCE SKOV, Albert Lea, Minn., was promoted to partner with Hill, Larson, Walth and Benda.

1994

David and **TARA FRIDERES BAUMGARTNER**, Strawberry Point, Iowa, announce the birth of Cayden Daryl, April 2. He joins Delaney, 9, and Vienna, 5.

MOLLY GIRRES BRUNS, Harlan, Iowa, received her Master of Education degree from Graceland University, Lamoni.

Tom and **JANICE VAN WYK DAVIS**, Monroe, Iowa, announce the birth of Emilyn Joan, March 6. She joins Gunnar, 9, Graham, 8, and Eleigh, 2. Janice is a kindergarten teacher with the PCM Community Schools.

PAUL EVERDING, Freeport, Ill., is a social studies teacher and varsity softball and assistant girls' basketball coach at the Freeport High School.

NATHAN HILL, Okinawa City, Japan, is a tactical safety specialist in the U.S. Marine Corps. He passed the test to become an occupational health and safety technologist and graduated the Army's Career Program 12 Safety course at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Dave and **JANIECE KUEKER KRAMER**, Fredericksburg, Iowa, announce the birth of Connor David, Sept. 11, 2007. Janiece is the director/preschool teacher with Fun in the Son Daycare and Preschool.

CHRISTINE FOLKERTS McSWEENEY, Center Point, Iowa, received her Specialist in Education Degree in May 2007 from Drake University, Des Moines. She is a 6-8 special education teacher at Excelsior Middle School with the Linn-Mar Community Schools, Marion.

DIANE MAULSBY PIERCE, Blountville, Tenn., is the director of contract quality assurance for King Pharmaceuticals, Bristol. She is responsible for manufacturing quality assurance of all pharmaceutical products manufactured on behalf of King by contract manufacturers.

1995

JOEL and Dr. **JOY TRACHTE '97 BECKER**, Menomonie, Wis., announce the birth of Daniel Joseph, March 20. He joins Isaac, 3. Joel is a youth and family ministry assistant at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and continues part time at *The Dunn County News*. Joy is an associate professor of mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

CHRIS and Dawn **BODE**, Moline, Ill., announce the birth of Braeden Christopher, Nov. 29, 2007. He joins Makenna, 2.

Chris and **DANA SCHARNHORST BRUBAKER**, Altoona, Iowa, announce the birth of Amelia Ida, May 9. She joins Lorelai Lois, 3.

JIM and **TARA HONSEY CASSMANN**, New Ulm, Minn., announce the adoption of Elianna Rae, March 3. She was born Oct. 23, 2007.

CHRISTOPHER DOWNEY and Christina Petras, Thornton, Colo., were married April 26.

MIKE and Kris **ELIJAH**, Solon, Iowa, announce the birth of Jillian Rae, June 9. She joins Britta, 3.

Walter and **JENNIFER HEANEY GRANDBERRY**, Arlington Heights, Ill., announce the birth of Dalia Maelynn, March 29. She joins Roisin, 2½.

Karl and **LILAH HICKS GRIMM**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Tyler Karl, July 21. Lilah is employed by R. D. Drenkow & Co. Inc.

Alan and **TERI LIES HAAS**, Jefferson City, Mo., announce the birth of Chloe Moreh, Jan. 5. She joins Hannah, 3.

The Rev. **RYAN MATTHIAS** is the campus pastor at Concordia University, Seward, Neb.

JENNIFER BLOCK MILLS, West Des Moines, Iowa, is an attorney in the law department with Principal Financial Group.

JESSE MOLINAR JR., Johnstown, Colo., was appointed to the Johnstown City Council.

CAROLYN McBRIDE OLLIE, Ankeny, Iowa, is with the assistive technology team with the Des Moines Public Schools, Des Moines.

ERIC and Kelli **SHIFLEY**, Queen Creek, Ariz., announce the birth of Colton James Louis, May 2. He joins Brenna, 6, and Amelia, 4.

1996

LAURA GUTMANN ALEXANDER and Tom Alexander, Chippewa Falls, Wis., announce the birth of Owen Whitaker, Jan. 25. Laura is a medical social worker with Luther Midelfort/Mayo Health Systems, Eau Claire.

RACHELLE DRUCKREY, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a cottage administrator with Exceptional Persons inc., Waterloo.

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The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans'

Kleinhans to lead 'Luther Decade' tour in Germany

The chair of Wartburg's Religion and Philosophy Department has been invited to serve as guest scholar at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Wittenberg Center in Germany as the nation begins its "Luther Decade."

The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, professor or religion and chair of the Religion and Philosophy Department, was invited by the ELCA Wittenberg Center to serve as resource person for a two-week tour of Reformation sites April 14-27. The tour will celebrate the Wittenberg Center's 10th anniversary. Kleinhans will provide historical and theological commentary throughout the trip. She will also lead discussions and devotions for the group.

"I am thrilled to be part of this event," said Kleinhans. "The mission of the Wittenberg Center is to encourage people to connect their own faith stories and questions to our rich Reformation heritage. That's really my mission as an educator, too."

Kleinhans is a highly regarded and widely published Martin Luther Scholar. In addition to scholarly articles she has written for academic journals and ELCA publications, she has authored three cover stories on Lutheranism in the past three years for *The Lutheran Magazine* (ELCA), the largest official U.S. church magazine. Among the articles is "Lutheranism 202," which appears in the October 2008 issue. It is a follow-up to her "Lutheranism 101" piece, which remains the most frequently requested reprint in the magazine's history.

The Luther Decade began in late September in Lutherstadt ("Luther City") Wittenberg, Germany.

Martin Luther was a German monk who taught at the university in Wittenberg. His writings became central to the Protestant Reformation that swept through Europe in the early 16th century. In particular, he is noted for nailing 95 Theses outlining clergy and church abuses to the doors of Wittenberg's Castle Church. The Luther Decade will culminate in 2017, marking the 500th anniversary of the 95 Theses, which is considered by many to be the inaugural action of the Reformation.

Kleinhans is excited about the increased educational opportunities the Luther Decade will bring.

"The Luther Decade is not just about looking back to remember the past," she said. "It's about using our heritage constructively as we live into a new and exciting future. When you introduce people to Martin Luther's life and ideas, whether in the classroom or on location, the passion is contagious."

The invitation came to lead the tour came from the Rev. Stephen and Dr. Jean Godsall-Myers, Wittenberg Center co-directors. Others with Wartburg connections who have served the center are the Rev. Dr. Charles Maahs '58, former bishop of the ELCA's Central States Synod, and Jessica Nipp '98, an ELCA diaconal minister.

Kleinhans has taught at Wartburg College since 1993 and also teaches Reformation history at lay schools of theology and synod assemblies. She has planned two tours through the ELCA Wittenberg Center—a 2006 study seminar for Wartburg faculty and staff and a 2007 May Term course. She plans another Wartburg faculty and staff seminar for 2010.

– *Karris Golden*

The Rev. **ROD HOPP** is the senior pastor with Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa.

DAVE and Jamie **LEONHART**, Waterloo, Iowa, announce the birth of Max Martin David, April 24. He joins Mia, 3.

Jai and **CARRIE MACK PALMER**, Denver, Colo., announce the birth of Nathan Jai, Sept. 21, 2007.

ROBERT and **DAWN MATTHIAS '97 POSEKANY**, Solon, Iowa, announce the birth of Jaelyn, Feb. 25.

TIM and **ANDREA BERGMAN '98 RABER**, Clear Lake, Iowa, announce the birth of Seth William, July 16. He joins Mitchell, 6.

Dr. **ADAM SANFORD**, Allen, Texas, is an electrical engineer with Texas Instruments, Dallas.

JACOB '97 and **AMY BROWN WHITE**, Powell, Tenn., announce the birth of Anna Elizabeth, May 1. She joins Elijah, 3½.

AMY PETERSON WIMMER, Madison, Wis., is director of global brand marketing with the Sony Corporation.

1997

The Rev. **LETA ARNDT BEHRENS**, Longmont, Colo., was ordained Aug. 3 at First Lutheran Church, where she is the associate pastor.

Dan and Rev. **JUDY HESTERBERG BRENNAN**, Prospect, Ky., announce the birth of Rebecca May, May 16.

Do you want to share valuable lessons?

What are the most lasting lessons you learned in courses and co-curricular activities at Wartburg? We'd love to hear—and share—your stories! Send yours to alumni@wartburg.edu.

FEEDBACK

Students come to Wartburg for many reasons

Bishop Steven Ullestad '75

Campus visits introduce prospective students to something that they may not fully appreciate for many years to come. The interaction with students, visits with professors and the experience of the Wartburg community invites them into a life of faith and learning, service and leadership.

My wife, Ruth (Schuldt '75), and I came from our respective high schools to Wartburg for very different reasons. Each of our three children chose Wartburg for reasons that would not be recognized by the other. Yet each of us became a part of a community in which our faith was deepened, our learning enhanced, service was expected and leadership was strengthened.

One of the great joys in my work is my service on the Board of Regents. At first glance, one quickly sees that each Regent is a very successful individual. Each has taken his or her God-given gifts and put them to work. Each Regent is also a person of profound faith. These are individuals who live the Wartburg mission statement.

One Regent shared in his devotions at a board meeting: "We are never more like Jesus than when we are serving others." Another Regent speaks eloquently about how he really didn't come to realize the full benefits of his education until he was in his 40s. He speaks of what it means to have a faith integrated with learning and leadership that is grounded in a life of service for others. There are few places in my life where my faith is more consistently deepened and broadened than the gathering with the Wartburg Regents.

The mission statement of Wartburg College both describes and creates the Wartburg experience. One can look to the past and name particular individuals who embody the mission of Wartburg. They will continue to be celebrated. We are currently in an era when that mission is less defined by individuals but is integrated into the fiber of the entire community. A Wartburg education is not about individual students. It is about a community that shapes students, faculty, administration and staff to become the salt, leaven and light of the world.

Commission on Mission symbolizes the integration of the mission throughout the community. As we listen to alumni, solicit perspectives from faculty and staff and invite students to explore our mission, Wartburg once again deepens and broadens its purpose.

Wartburg's future has never been brighter.

Bishop Steven Ullestad '75
Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Rev. **JOSH** and **AMY BETZ EHRLER**, Ellendale, Minn., announce the birth of Caleb Melvin, June 16. He joins Kendra, 3. Josh is pastor with First and Pontoppidan Lutheran Churches.

STEVE JOHNSON, Lumberton, N.C., is the assistant softball coach with Auburn University, Auburn, Ala. This follows his most successful season at the University of North Carolina-Pembroke, where he led the Braves to the Peach Belt Conference title and the NCAA Division II play-offs for the first time in school history. He was named 2008 Peach Belt Conference Softball Coach of the Year and 2008 NFCA South Atlantic Regional Coaching Staff of the Year.

BRIAN and Lesli **NELSON**, Forsyth, Ga., announce the birth of Mac, Oct. 17. He joins Ava, 3.

BRIAN PETERSON and Francine Nez, Phoenix, Ariz., were married June 14.

Jeff and **STACY GIENAPP SOPPE**, New Berlin, Wis., announce the birth of Aidan Drake, Feb. 5. He joins Eli, 2.

JIM and **TINA KUBE THOMPSON**, West Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Alexander Gabriel, May 29. He joins Emma, 5, and Samuel, 3.

1998

Adam and **AMY BAKER BRASE**, Oronoco, Minn., announce the birth of Sadie Ann, Aug. 14, 2007. She joins Kalianna, 6, and Logan, 4. Amy is a stay-at-home mom and a freelance writer.

KEVIN and Kari **BRUNS**, Plymouth, Minn., announce the birth of Julia Lynn, Jan. 19. She joins Jacob, 3. Kevin is a west region personal trust manager with Associated Bank.

Nathan and **AMANDA YOUNG CUNNINGHAM**, Boone, Iowa, announce the birth of Morgan James, June 19. He joins sister Alexandria, 3. Amanda is a K-3 vocal music teacher with the Boone Community School District.

MARK HARGRAFEN, MCJ, Ankeny, Iowa, graduated as the president of his class from nursing school. He is a registered nurse in the cardiac trauma intensive care unit with Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines.

MELISSA HILL-ANDERSON, Norwalk, Iowa, is an ethics analyst on the Attorney Disciplinary Board with the Iowa Supreme Court Ethics Department.

RJ and **STACI BENSON McNICHOLL**, Champaign-Urbana, Ill., announce the birth of Alexis Rianne, June 4. She joins twin sisters Kaia and Madeline, 4, and Hayden, 3. Stacie is the clinical supervisor for case management and social work services with the Pavilion Psychiatric Hospital, Champaign.

RAY MILLARD and **ANGELA THORNTON-MILLARD**, Lenexa, Kan., announce the birth of Charlotte Joy, March 9.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

Jon and **AMY SCHAFFNER POTTER**, Rochester, Minn., announce the birth of Hannah Lois, June 26. She joins Isaac, 3. Amy work part-time as an occupational therapist with the Mayo Clinic.

TOBI REINERT and Mark White, Beatrice, Neb., were married June 9, 2007. Tobi is a pastoral intern at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Lincoln, and earning her Master of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

SHELLEY BETTEN SEDGWICK, Waverly, Iowa, received her Master of Education on July 18 from Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wis. She is junior high math teacher with the Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District.

CHAD SHEETZ and Stacey Schoenrock, St. Cloud, Minn., were married Aug. 9. They announce the birth of Jackson Rex, March 25, 2007.

Nathaniel and **KIMBERLY CALDWELL WILDEBUER**, New Brighton, Minn., announce the birth of Esther Violet, April 20. Kimberly is a supervisor with Seiko Pentax in the production and test lab for the free form progressive lens technology.

1999

DOUGLAS and Erica **BAETHKE**, Elma, Iowa, announce the birth of Trace Nolan, Dec. 4, 2007.

MIKE BURGGRAAF and **SARAH ZINN-BURGGRAAF '00**, Clive, Iowa, announce the birth of Andrew Zinn, March 5. He joins Zach, 3.

GAGE BUTTERBRODT and Katherine Baker, Lafayette, Ind., were married May 17. Gage is the assistant athletic director with the Faith Community Center.

NATHAN and **JANETTE KEITH '00 FRIESEN**, Janesville, Iowa, announce the birth of Evan Keith, June 21. He joins Elizabeth, 2. Nathan is a programmer with the CBE Group, Waterloo. Janette is a part-time assistant librarian with Waverly Public Library, Waverly.

Tom and **ERICA BLOBAUM GALLANT**, West Salem, Wis., announce the birth of twins, Mia Campbell and Kai Morgaine, April 24.

Kenneth Scott and **SONJA ANDERSON GERSTENBERGER**, Grimes, Iowa, announce the birth of Nicolas George, April 17. He joins Lucas, 19 months.

LISA HASSENSTAB, Niles, Ill., was named associated director of public policy with Lutheran Services in America.

Brian and **LAURA HOFER HINSPETER**, Waukee, Iowa, announce the birth of Jenna Lauren, Feb. 8. She joins Brenden, 6, and Brody, 3. Laura runs L.A.H. Music Studio out of her home, teaching voice and piano lessons. She also works part time as a 4-8 grade music instructor at The Academy, Des Moines.

KIRK LEBECK and Krista Dodds, Dubuque, Iowa, were married July 21, 2007.

AARON and Elise **LOAN**, Philadelphia, Pa., announce the birth of Claire Addison, Dec. 6, 2007.

JOSH and **MICHELLE DOOM '01 LYONS**, Solon, Iowa, announce the birth of Camden Mark, Feb. 16. He joins Kerrigan, 3.

ANDY MOELLER, Solon, Iowa, is a manager regional sales support with PAETEC, Hiawatha.

TIM MORRISON and **BETSY GIRSCH '04**, Waverly, Iowa, were married April 12.

JOSHUA and Jennifer **NUNEZ**, Moline, Ill., announce the birth of Valentina Marie, June 12 in Brazil. She joins Viviane, 1½.

Aaron and **MEGAN CARICO SELLE**, Woodridge, Ill., announce the birth of Jack William, April 18.

Brandon and **HEATHER ARCAUTE STARR**, Maquoketa, Iowa, announce the birth of Kelan Emory, July 12.

BJ SUPPLE, Kansas City, Mo., is the group sales coordinator with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Brian and **LANA FUNK WRAGE**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Anika Jean, July 1. She joins Avery, 5, and Abram, 3.

2000

MATT and **ANGELA PETERS BUTTJER**, Aplington, Iowa, announce the birth of Ella Grace, March 23. She joins Hannah, 3. Matt is a physical therapist with Agape Therapy, Cedar Falls. Angela is a physician assistant with Dermatology Associates, Waterloo.

Ryan and **CAREY KUNZMANN ERTZ**, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Cael Thomas, May 18.

Corey and **MICHELLE McKINNEY FETTERS**, Bondurant, Iowa, announce the birth of Ruby Kay, July 26.

Joel and **SARAH FREED HOLSOPPLE**, Goshen, Ind., announce the birth of Matthew Joel, Jan. 28. He joins Luke, 3.

Corey and **ROBYN BRENT JOHNSON**, Ankeny, Iowa, announce the birth of Owen Brent, June 28. He joins Rece, 2½.

Greg Allen and **SHANNON LAU**, Grantham, N.H., announce the birth of Forest Jay Allen, Jan. 9.

CHAD and **BREANNA GIBBS LUKES**, Farley, Iowa, announce the birth of Etta Jane, May 16. She joins Aiden, 5½, and Sydney, 2½.

DEREK and **AMBER MYHR MILLER**, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Parker William, June 11. He joins Kade, 5, Jaxson, 3, and Lincoln, 1.

STEPHANIE LADLIE MYERS, Liberty, Mo., is fine arts coordinator with the Liberty Public Schools. She assists the schools' director of fine arts in the total operation of the districts Fine Arts Department.

DAVE REWERTS, Cumming, Iowa, was promoted to senior project manager with Principal Financial Group, Des Moines.

CYNTHIA ROEDER and Bill Barnett, Birmingham, Ala., were married April 5.

ERIN SANDQUIST and Noah Wendt, Cambridge, Iowa, were married Feb. 23.

PAUL and **CARRIE ETHERINGTON SEBERGER**, Boise, Idaho, announce the birth of Jacob Benjamin, June 3. He joins Aaron, 5, Eleanor, 4, and Isaac, 2. Paul is a product engineer with Micron Technology. Carrie is a stay-at-home mom.

ANTHONY SOUHRADA and Jesell Wilson, Davenport, Iowa, were married April 12.

ANGIE SUP and Joe Abood, Columbus, Ohio, were married June 14.

Inspired by service?

How did involvement in service activities at Wartburg impact your life after college? We'd like to know! Drop us a line at alumni@wartburg.edu.

FEEDBACK

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

2001

Curtis and **HEIDI MUELLER BARBER**, DeWitt, Iowa, announce the birth of Kalli Alexis, Jan. 25. She joins Delaney, 1½.

DAN and **JANE KING BOCK**, Denver, Colo., announce the birth of Owen Gregory, Jan. 14.

KAY BURMEISTER and Bret Dahlquist, Broadlands, Va., were married Aug.16.

AARON and **CRYSTAL HEINS '03 BUZZA**, Waterloo, Iowa, announce the adoption of Avery Louise. She was born Feb. 3.

Nathan and **DAWN SYHLMAN CARLSON**, Janesville, Iowa, youngest son, Elijah, 2, died from leukemia May 21. He leaves behind his parents and brother Isaiah, 10, and sister Chloe, 5.

SHALONDA CLIFFORD, Silver Spring, Md., announces the birth of Jeremiah Asher Terry, March 6.

MAGGIE COUSIN and Dr. Ben Squires, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married July 12 in the Wartburg Chapel.

Dr. **ABBY NIPP DETTMER**, Waseca, Minn., graduated from residency training and is a family physician with the Waseca Medical Center.

DAMON HAMMEL, Eyota, Minn., is a mathematics instructor with the Dover-Eyota School District.

Dr. **BOLDEN "BO" HARRIS**, Arlington, Texas, was chosen to serve on the Wartburg Alumni Board. He also was elected as one of 228 national delegates from Texas at the Democratic National Convention Aug. 25-28, Denver, Colo.

KERI DEPPE HENDERSON, Ames, Iowa, received her Ph.D. in toxicology May 9 from Iowa State University. Her research in environmental toxicology and chemistry of agrichemicals was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with a STAR Fellowship, and by Iowa State with the Zaffrano Prize honorable mention for superior performance in publishable research. She is a research scientist responsible for environmental safety assessments for Pioneer Hi-Bred, a DuPont company, Johnston.

Nate and **TARA MALCOM HILPIPRE**, Greenfield, Iowa, announce the birth of Noah Malcom, July 20. He joins Brady, 8½.

JACOB HOFFMAN and Bridget Wombacher, Iowa City, Iowa, were married May 5, 2007.

C. ANN MARTIN, Shorewood, Wis., is an associate on the labor and employment team with the law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP, Milwaukee.

STEFFANY MOON and Neil Sass, Shell Rock, Iowa, were married Aug. 26, 2006. They announce the birth of Alice Arlene, March 26. Steffany is an occupational therapist with Northern Iowa Therapy, Waverly.

Andy and **KIM QUACKENBUSH POECKER**, Shawnee, Kan., announce the birth of Emerson Jean, Jan 14. Kim is finishing her residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

DELITE PRIMUS, Moab, Utah, is the associate director at the Youth Garden Project.

Russell and **LEAH SHADLOW PULLIN**, Evansdale, Iowa, announce the birth of Angelle Rae, May 24.

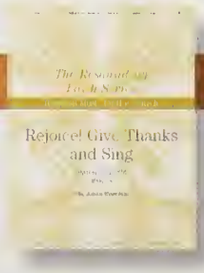
RY and Kaci **RENDAHL**, Faribault, Minn., were married May 31. They announce the birth of Paxyn, March 11, 2006.

Mark and **WENDY CHAPLIN VANDER LINDEN**, Pella, Iowa, announce the birth of Lucy Rose, May 19. She joins Gavin, 2½. Wendy is a language arts instructor with Pella Community High School.

Eric and **MARISSA MOWEN VERMEER**, Ames, Iowa, announce the birth of Cael Evan, May 3.

The Rev. **JAIMIE "JAY" WILSON**, San Francisco, Calif., is the assistant director with the Welcome Ministry working in ministry and social justice

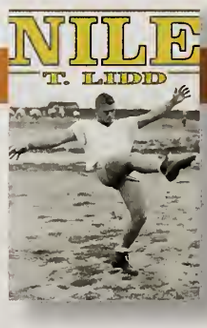
Books, recordings by alumni and faculty



Rejoice! Give Thanks and Sing

Arranged by Joshua Evanovich '07
GIA Publications
Product Number: G-7288

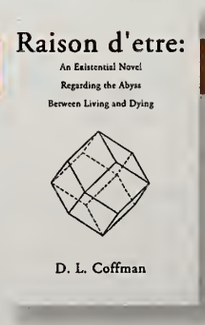
This dramatic, uplifting arrangement is based on two familiar hymn tunes—Darwall's 148th and Messiter's Marion—for three-, four- or five-octave handbells or chimes.



Nile

By T. Lidd '74
Authorhouse
ISBN: 978-1438900445

Lidd, an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan, chronicles the story of Nile Kinnick in the 1930s, beginning with his high school football career and ending with his ill-fated flight during World War II.



Raison d"etre (Reason for Being)

By Dr. David Coffman '89
Publish America
ISBN: 1-60441-683-1

Coffman, a general and trauma surgeon with the New London (Wis.) Medical Center, penned this "psycho-philosophical, existential" exploration of the "abyss between living and dying."

Have you published a book recently? Send information to karris.golden@wartburg.edu or call 319-352-8277.

work with long-term homeless people. He anticipates ordination through Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries.

2002

Josh and **TARA REINERT DEAN**, Charles City, Iowa, announce the birth of Blake Tobias, April 7.

JILL DODD and Michael Flugum, Lake Mills, Iowa, were married Aug. 19, 2006.

STEPHANIE ELIASEN and Chris Bohlmann, Bondurant, Iowa, were married May 30.

Joseph and **AIMEE CLINE GREENE**, Marshalltown, Iowa, announce the birth of Declan Michael, April 24. He joins Dale, 2½.

RACHEL GUTHART and Andrew Manternach, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married May 24.

Neil and **KRISTINA CARROLL JESSE, WPAFB**, Ohio, announce the birth of Alanna Genevieve, May 9.

BRANDON LANTZKY and Angela Lee, Clarion, Iowa, were married June 28.

BROCK LEHMAN and Leah Kooiker, Orange City, Iowa, were married June 21.

JESSICA McANINCH MORTVEDT, Waterloo, Iowa, was promoted to Internet director with KWWL-TV7.

Mark and **BECKY KRAHLING SLOAN**, Onawa, Iowa, announce the birth of Aubrey Julia, July 28. She joins Makenna, 3, and Caleb, 1½.

Eric and **JENNIFER AANONSON TANGE**, Urbandale, Iowa, announce the birth of Bellah Ellyse, June 11.

MIKE and **SARA STENSLAND TRUESDELL**, Iowa Falls, Iowa, announce the birth of Emma Margaret, June 6. She joins Claire, 2½. Mike is a financial representative with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Darren and **JULIE DENNER WESTENDORF**, Shell Rock, Iowa, announce the birth of twins, Maddox and Cayson, July 2. They join Braxten, 1½.

2003

KEVIN BRATLAND and Lindsi Getz, Lombard, Ill., were married April 3 at Captiva Island, Fla.

TONY and **AMANDA BAKER BREZINA**, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Preston Lee, Feb. 7. He joins Aiden, 2. Tony is a custom home builder with Brezina Homes, Inc. Amanda is a stay-at-home mom.

Wartburg's team "Knight Riders" participated in the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) in July. More than 30 Knight Riders took part in the grueling trek up and down the state's hills—yes, there are hills in Iowa—beginning in Missouri Valley and ending in LeClaire. Along the way, the team stayed at the homes of alumni, parents and friends of the college. To check out the Knight Riders' blog, go to www.wartburg.edu/ragbrai.

ERIK and **ANGIE HULSE DANIELSON**, Davenport, Iowa, announce the birth of Grace Makenna, July 10.

BEN DIEHL and Erica Scheckel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married May 3. Ben is with Square D.

MINDY FREY and Drew Duff, Winterset, Iowa, were married June 20.

Matt and **JACQUELYN MEIER GALLUS**, Winsted, Minn., announce the birth of Tabitha Marie, Feb. 20. She joins Malaika Ann, 1½.

DANIEL and **SALLY MITCHELL '04 HANSON**, Forest Lake, Minn., announce the birth of Daniel Izak, May 23.

DEREK HEINS and Jill Kuehner, West Union, Iowa, were married May 24.

Cross-Winds: A Seventh Cross Novel

By Brian Stowe '94
Publish America
ISBN: 978-1606105948

This epic fantasy adventure chronicles a war of magic between a powerful emperor and several generations of the Cross-Winds family and its associates.

Sensual Encounters: Monastic Women and Spirituality in Medieval Germany

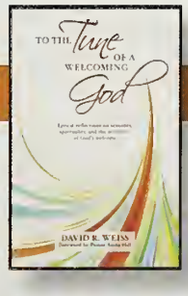
Dr. Erika L. Lindgren, Wartburg assistant professor of history
Gutenberg-E, Columbia University Press
ISBN: 978-0231142380

Lindgren pored over the archives of monastic women in Germany to create this text. It will be available in print version—without photos—in December.

Gigi Knits … and Purls

By Karen Thalacker '82
Martingale & Company
ISBN: 978-1-56477-851-2

The second installment in this popular, award-winning children's series chronicles chic Gigi's adventures and comes with eight patterns.



To the Tune of a Welcoming God

By David Weiss '82
Langdon Street Press
ISBN: 978-1934938157

Weiss' first book is a collection of essays and hymns for a fully inclusive church that extends an affirming welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons.

The Rev. Larry Trachte '66

Scholarship established in honor of retiring Wartburg pastor

by Emily Schmitt '11

A scholarship has been created in honor of the Rev. Larry Trachte '66, Wartburg College pastor.

The Trachte family created the award in his honor, named the Pastor Larry Trachte Thanksgiving Scholarship.

He will retire in May 2009 after 35 years as college pastor. In that time he has taught, mentored, honored and befriended students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Trachte is also the Moehlmann Chaplaincy Chair and assistant professor of religion. In 1988, he received the Wartburg College Alumni Citation. He has been honored with the John O. Chellevold Student Award for Excellence in Teaching and Professional Service two times.

He majored in history and German at Wartburg and spent one year as an exchange student at the University of Bonn in Germany. He attended the Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and graduated in 1970. He interned with Lutheran World Federation in Berlin for one year during that time and was student body president during his fourth year of seminary.

After starting his ordained ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly, he began his position at Wartburg in 1974.

Trachte and his wife, Lois Reyelts Trachte '66, have two children, Dr. Aaron Trachte '92 and Dr. Joy Trachte Becker '97.

Schmitt is a communication arts major and leadership minor from Hawkeye, Iowa.

Visit **www.wartburg.edu/trachte** to share memories of Trachte, read selected sermons and contribute to the scholarship fund.

CHAD JOHNSON and **KRISTIN BAER '05**, Fairfield, Iowa, were married June 14.

KATHERINE BURG KOSTIUK, Seattle, Wash., is a graduate student studying Russian, east European and central Asian studies at the University of Washington.

NATHAN LIEN, Walla Walla, Wash., is a visiting assistant professor of chemistry with Whitman College.

Austin and **STEPHANIE McCLURE MEYERS**, Hubbard, Iowa, announce the birth of Janae Ellena, July 7. She joins Hallie, 2.

ADAM and **GRETA REIN '05 NIELSON**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Emma, Oct. 16, 2007.

EMILY PARCELL and Travis Lowe, Indianapolis, Ind., were married May 17.

ANDY and **JESSICA MENNEN POLLOCK**, Ankeny, Iowa, announce the birth of Elisa Joy, Aug. 16. She joins Addison, 2½.

Kyle and **ANGIE PRIER THEISEN**, Epworth, Iowa, announce the birth of Kaden Gavin, July 21. Angie is a defined contribution benefits associate with Prudential Financial, Dubuque.

Dr. **JOEL TUTTLE**, Ogden, Iowa, graduated in May 2007 from Pacific University College of Optometry, Forest Grove, Ore. He is a doctor of optometry with LasikPlus Vision Center, West Des Moines.

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MAGGIE GIBNEY ATKINSON, Independence, Iowa, is the year-round program director at Camp Shalom, Maquoketa.

ERIN BECKER and **RYAN SAWYER**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married June 9.

CRYSTAL BAILLIE BERKENES, Waverly, Iowa, is a music therapist with Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community.

MARY CHRISTOPHERSON and Aaron Tank, Hiawatha, Iowa, were married July 26.

RENEE CLARK '04 and **DAVID VOVES '07**, Waverly, Iowa, were married June 14.

JAMES CORY, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a regional workforce analyst with W. W. Grainger Inc., Waterloo.

CARALEE DOAK, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a secondary English teacher with the Grundy Center High School.

Kevin and **SARAH BROWN GROTH**, Groton, Conn., announce the birth of Hannah Elizabeth, Feb. 14. She joins Elijah, 1½.

SHAUN GUYER and **HOLLIE REYNOLDS**, Eden Prairie, Minn., were married June 14.

SARA HAVERKAMP and Jay Perry, Brooklyn Center, Minn., were married June 28. Sara is the assistant director at Cross View Early Childhood Center, Edina.

ERIN HEDEEN and Nick Gravemann, Goodhue, Minn., were married June 7. Erin is a medical social worker with the Mayo Clinic, Rochester.

GREGORY KAHLER and Jennifer Pedersen, Lenox, Iowa, were married Sept. 2, 2006.

ANDREW KOESTER and **BILLIE MATHENY '05**, Ankeny, Iowa, were married May 24.

Dr. **TERRI LECHTENBERG**, Winona, Minn., received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in May from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. She is an associate veterinarian with Pet Medical Center.

KYLE MITCHELL and **CATHY HRUSKA**, West Des Moines, Iowa, were married July 19.

BRITTA NELSON, Roseville, Minn., is a forwarding specialist with Cargill, Inc., Wayzata.

TABITHA PETERSON, Las Cruces, N.M., received her Master of Chemistry degree in May from New Mexico State University.

Photo submitted

NICK SCHAUF, Oelwein, Iowa, is the K-12 grade physical education teacher and teaches second chance reading, study skills and English with the Oelwein Community School District.

KIM ESCHWEILER SHONKA, Marion, Iowa, is a diabetes clinical manager with Medtronic Diabetes, Northridge, Calif. She covers a territory in eastern Iowa.

BRENT and **APRIL CHERRY SHOWALTER**, Indianapolis, Ind., announce the birth of Cade Donald, May 2.

JENNIFER TIGGES, Oshkosh, Wis., completed her M.S. in educational leadership and policy analysis at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a residence hall director with the Department of Residence Life at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minn.

MELISSA CENEK VOBR, Cresco, Iowa, is the director with Kessel Kids.

STACEY WEBB and Bob Ripchinski, Lancaster, Pa., were married July 5.

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LINDA NONNWEILER ALEXANDRES, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a volunteer coordinator with Hospice of Central Iowa. She coordinates, trains, and recruits volunteers to assist patients and families to improve the quality of life at the end of life.

BEAU BUCHHOLZ, Waverly, Iowa, graduated in December 2007 from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colo., and passed the Iowa Bar Exam in February. He is an attorney with the Boveia Law Office.

SARAH DANNALS and Christopher Pratt-Dannals, Asheville, N.C., were married July 12.

ANNIE FOX, Coralville, Iowa, graduated with high honors in May from Drake University Law School, Des Moines. She is a law clerk for the Honorable Linda Reade, Chief Judge of the Northern District of Iowa. She published "BASF v. Peterson: Fraud to Farmers or Threat to Herbicide Industry?" in the *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law* and won the 2007-08 journal writing competition.

SARAH GEORGE and Michael Vollmer, Elmhurst, Ill., were married May 25.

RANAE GRAFFT, Cedar Falls, Iowa, received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. She earned her physical therapy license and is a physical therapist at Allen Hospital, Waterloo.

JOSH MEYER and **KIM PETERSEN**, Garwin, Iowa, were married June 28.

JOSH MOEN, Readlyn, Iowa, finished third in the 35th Steamboat Classic June 14, a 4-mile run through the streets of downtown Peoria, Ill.

BRANDON NEWTON, New Castle, Colo., is the director of youth and family ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glenwood Springs.

KELLY PREUSSNER, Durham, N.C., is an academic coordinator in the athletic department with Duke University.

CLINT RIESE, Forest Lake, Minn., is the sports editor with the *Forest Lake Times*.

The Rev. Lyle '59 and Lavon Queck '59 Lutz were the first couple ever to receive the Dr. Paul M. Silverstein Award for their work as advocates for those with Parkinson's disease. Lavon was diagnosed in 1981 at the age of 42.

'Lutzsafarini' takes couple on amazing journey

The Rev. Lyle '59 and Lavon Queck '59 Lutz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary as the first "couple recipients" of the Dr. Paul M. Silverstein Award.

The award is bestowed by the Struthers Parkinson Center of Golden Valley, Minn., and is given to three individuals each year in honor of extraordinary efforts with and for the Parkinson's disease community.

The Lutzes, of Wyoming, Minn., say their marriage has been a safari. During the 1970s they worked in East Africa, where they discovered that a safari is any type of travel or journey, not just game-park touring.

For them, that has meant raising four children in the Midwest and Tanzania. Together, they traveled to 27 nations on four continents and resided in 20 communities. They retired Jan. 1, 2001, to devote themselves to Lavon's progressive Parkinson's disease.

Her symptoms began shortly after their five-year service in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and was diagnosed as Parkinson's in 1981. In 1991 while serving in Exira, Iowa, the Lutzes launched a support group that drew more than 120 Parkinson persons and their care-partners from a seven-county area in southwestern Iowa.

In 2003 Lavon received the Deep Brain Stimulator implant at University of Minnesota, a major help for three of the four primary Parkinson's symptoms.

"Now in her 29th year with 'Parky,' Lavon—most days—rates her quality of life as 'pretty good lemonade'!" said Lyle.

Lyle, the great-grandson of former Wartburg president Friedrich Lutz (1894-1906), is Lavon's full-time care-partner and and co-facilitates their PD support group.

"Lavon has used the walk with Parkinson's to invite those around her to view it, not as enemy or as a battle, but as teacher and challenge," said Lyle. "She refuses to let Parkinson's disease be the main thing, adamant that she continues to be herself, albeit with a progressive and so-far incurable movement disorder."

Among their four children are three Wartburg alumni: Miriam Lutz '84, Dr. Sarah Lutz '86 and Joel Lutz '90.

– Karris Golden

Contact the Lutzes at lutzsafarini@aol.com

Jim McDonough '96

McDonough forges career from music that 'defined' him

by MacKenzie Slavin '10

Not that long ago, Jim McDonough '96 would have settled for playing piano as a hobby.

That was not to be. Instead, the Monticello, Iowa, native has carved out a career making music.

This winter, he, his orchestra and singers will tour Iowa with his Christmas show, *Holiday Grande 2008*. The annual show is a benefit for Camp Courageous of Iowa, a year-round facility for individuals with disabilities.

He always starts in Monticello as a show of gratitude for the community that nurtured him.

"It's my way of saying 'thank you,'" he said. "I've felt so much support from my family for my music career and also from people in my hometown. Growing up, I was always encouraged to continue playing, and from an early age, playing the piano seemed to define me."

Jim began taking piano lessons at age 7. He started performing publicly in sixth grade for school concerts, church services and weddings.

His recording career began just before starting his first year at Wartburg. A friend had bought some new recording equipment and wanted to try taping a grand piano.

"I later learned that the cassette tape we made was being sold at gift and floral shops in my hometown and that it had become quite popular," he said.

This led the pair to stage another recording session, taping some holiday tunes. While those recordings are no longer distributed, they planted a seed that would eventually become Jim's career and livelihood. After earning a degree in music education, Jim began teaching, serving two years as a high school band director.

"It was a very rewarding two years, but it just didn't feel like the 'right fit' for me, I'm so thankful for the experience," he said. Jim decided to pursue a non-musical career, with the intention of playing piano as a hobby. His sister, an air traffic controller, suggested he look into her profession, and Jim's interest was piqued.

> *"I have felt such support from the Wartburg community, and for that I'm truly grateful."*
>
> – Pianist Jim McDonough

After an intensive training program, Jim was stationed in Chicago at one of the largest air traffic facilities in the world. He had traded his piano for a computer keyboard, monitoring the flight patterns of hundreds of planes a day.

But the high-stress world wasn't filling the creative need that gnawed in Jim.

"There was something missing," he says. Jim found himself spending his off-hours lingering at piano stores, pretending to consider a purchase and playing as much as he could.

"Music was what defined me, and I had given it up," Jim says. "It was who I was, and it had almost entirely vanished from my life."

Continuing to follow his passion for music, Jim boarded a cruise ship as a pianist, taking requests from passengers and playing their favorite songs. "I learned so much during my years of performing on cruise ships. I discovered the songs that really resonate with people—what songs make people's eyes light up," he said.

He quickly realized which songs people liked to hear, and decided to record a CD titled *Requests* for the guests of the cruise ship. He began selling it onboard, and it was an immediate success.

"The success of that first CD prompted me to move onto dry land to concentrate on producing and distributing more music," he said.

"I continue to use the critical lesson I learned from my time taking requests on ships; ... people love to hear their favorite songs," he said. He has now recorded 10 CDs containing nearly 150 of the most often requested songs. His music is sold in more than 800 stores in nearly every state.

Jim fondly recalls his days at Wartburg, and appreciates his alumni, faculty and staff fan base.

"I have felt such support from the Wartburg community, and for that I'm truly grateful," he said.

One place he feels that support is at his concerts, when alumni come up and ask him to sign CDs.

"After concerts, I typically head out to the lobby to meet the audience and sign CDs," Jim said. "You wouldn't believe how many CDs I sign and then write 'U-RAH-RAH-RAH' on, when they proudly tell me they're a 'Wartburger.'"

Slavin is a communication arts major with a minor in business and leadership certification from St. Charles, Minn.

For more information Jim McDonough's CDs or his *Holiday Grande 2008* tour, visit www.pianofavorites.com.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

AMANDA SCHMIEDER and Phillip Callahan, Fort Wayne, Ind., were married May 17.

KAYLA SCHWICKERATH and Jeffrey Hazelton, Sycamore, Ill., were married Aug. 16.

CHRIS SKUSTER and Shelley Russell, Blair, Neb., were married Aug. 8.

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JORDAN ATCHISON and Nicole Lorenzen, Burnsville, Minn., were married May 17.

TRAVIS BECK and **LEAH GROH '09**, Mason City, Iowa, were married June 29 in the Wartburg Chapel. Travis received his Master of Scared Music degree on May 25 from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He is the worship and music coordinator with Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City.

NICK BLASBERG and Erin Pearson, West Union, Iowa, were married April 11.

CARI BLATCHFORD and Mark Stoltz, Omaha, Neb., were married June 7.

KYLE CONRAD and Emily Osmundson, Waucoma, Iowa, were married Aug. 30.

CRAIG CRILE, Waterloo, Iowa, is a marketing coordinator with the Cedar Falls Utilities, Cedar Falls.

MIRANDA SPURGEON HAUGAN, Shell Rock, Iowa, received her Master of Education degree July 18 from Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wis. She is a junior high social studies teacher with the Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District, Waverly.

ERICA HAUGEN, Excelsior, Minn., is a kindergarten teacher at Shirley Hills Primary School with the Westonka Public School District, Mound.

DANIEL LUEPKE and **WHITNEY VOLDING '08**, Algona, Iowa, were married June 27.

DAVID MUHLBAUER and Linda Bogardus, Manilla, Iowa, were married July 7, 2007.

CHRISTY HANSEN NEWTON, New Castle, Colo., is a child welfare caseworker with the Garfield County Department of Human Services.

KARI O'BRION and Zachary Ramage, Fredericksburg, Va., were married in August. Kari received her master's degree in thanatolgy in January from Hood College, Frederick, Md.

NICK PETAROS is a sports reporter with the *Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier, Waterloo.*

JACOB RAPP and **ANGELA KORDAHL**, Lawrence, Kan., were married Dec. 22, 2007. Jacob received his Master of Art in Spanish and Angela received her master's degree in English from the University of Kansas.

PAIGE REYNOLDS and Aaron Richards, St. Louis Park, Minn., were married Aug. 2.

SHELBY SCHNEIDER and Ben Vanderwilt, Lake Mary, Fla., were married April 12.

NICK SKURDAL, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a funeral director with Parrott and Wood Chapel of Memories, Waterloo.

BRADY SMITH and **MOLLY RICHARDS**, Duluth, Minn., were married Sept. 22, 2007. Brady is an Iowa City reporter with KWWL-TV7, Waterloo, Iowa. Molly is an account coordinator with WestmorelandFlint, Duluth.

JEFF SPIWAK is the varsity football coach and junior high social studies teacher at Parker (Ariz.) Unified School District.

LINDSAY STEVENSON, Waverly, Iowa, received her Master of Education degree on July 18 from Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wis. She is junior high developmental reading teacher with the Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District.

SARA TASKER and Nathan Heitz, Huxley, Iowa, were married June 30.

JONI WALVATNE, Hawkeye, Iowa, is a fourth-grade teacher with the North Fayette Consolidated School District, West Union.

NATALIE WHITCHER and Rick Largesse, Des Moines, Iowa, were married Sept. 20.

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CAYLA BARESEL, Waverly, Iowa, declared her candidacy for the Democratic Party's nomination for Iowa House District 17, which covers the western portion of Bremer County and all of Butler County.

MICHAEL DANA and **MELANIE ANDERSON '08**, Urbandale, Iowa, were married June 28.

LIZ GREGG is a 3-5 general music and junior high and high school vocal music teacher with Heritage Christian Academy, Maple Grove, Minn.

BETH HEITER, Des Moines, Iowa, is the assistant director of annual fund with Drake University.

KATELYN HEMINGSON, Gilbert, Iowa, is a technical engineer at KCCI Channel 8, Des Moines.

STEVE HENNIGS and **BROOKE NIELSEN**, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., were married June 7. Steve is an account manager with SiteImprove and a member in the Minnesota Opera. Brooke is a graphic designer with Confluence Marketing, Red Wing.

KATIE JO KUHENS is the sports information director with Maryville University, St. Louis, Mo.

ERIN LUND, Evansdale, Iowa, is a sales account executive with Mix 96.1 radio and 1650 The Fan sports radio, Cedar Falls.

ELSA MAY, Rockdale, New South Wales, Australia, received a master's degree in international studies July 5 from the University of Sydney.

She is employed with the Allied Educational Services, Rosebery.

CHRIS MINER and Monica Georgie, Anamosa, Iowa, were married July 26.

MARIA OSTERHAUS and Bobby Scott, Ames, Iowa, were married May 17.

NATHAN PETERS, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was named controller and treasurer of Peters Construction Corporation, Waterloo. He was elected to the corporation's Board of Directors. He is a member of the Construction Financial Management Association.

NICOLE PRAMANN and Nik Jockisch, Osseo, Minn., were married May 3.

SCOTT ROSER and **KARA WHALEN '08** were married Aug. 16 in the Wartburg Chapel.

JONATHAN RUNAAS and **MARGIE CROFT '09**, Dayton, Iowa, were married in June.

ALICIA MOBURG SKURDAL, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a social worker with the Butler County Department of Human Services, Allison.

ASHLEY TIESKOTTER and Tom Schweer, Waverly, Iowa, were married Oct. 28, 2006. They announce the birth of Xavior Eugene, Aug. 22, 2007.

BENJAMIN VOGEL and Breanne Hunold, Des Moines, Iowa, were married June 21.

ANDY WERLING and Laura Fox, Tipton, Iowa, were married Aug. 25, 2007.

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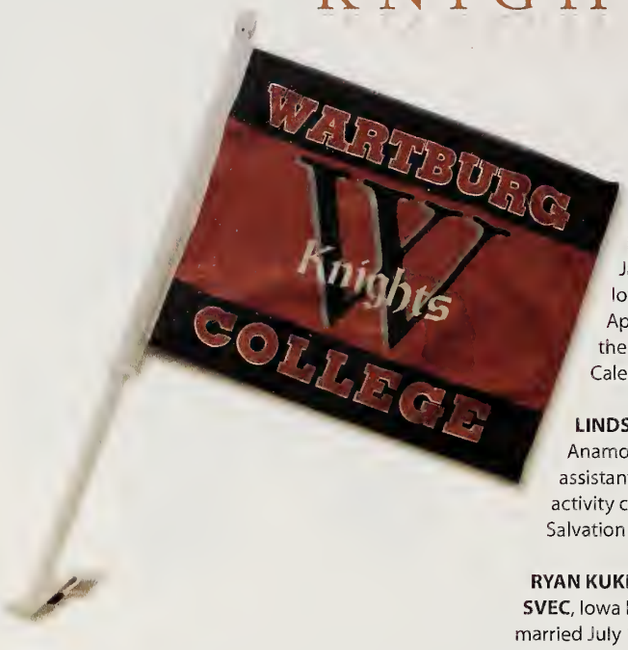

RYAN WHITMAN and **TASHA HAUSCHILD '08**, North Liberty, Iowa, were married July 19. Tasha is a family support worker with the Jane Boyd Organization, Cedar Rapids.

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LINDSEY BEGEMANN and **BRIAN MULLENBACH**, Cedar Rapids, were married June 28.

MARILYN BINDERT and **JASON CORNISH**, Ames, Iowa, were married Aug. 11. Marilyn is a graduate student at Iowa State University.

CASEY BUNS and Allison Uken, Eden Prairie, Minn., were married June 7.

AKEEM CARTER, Denver, Iowa, is a territory manager with Mudd Advertising, Cedar Falls.

RANDY FOWLER, Omaha, Neb., is a graduate student at Creighton University.

HEIDI GAULKE, Shoreview, Minn., is a financial associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, North Oaks.

LUKE GIBBS, Dubuque, Iowa, is a marketing communications specialist with CarteGraph.

MALINDA GROTH and Reed Mick, Clarksville, Iowa, were married Aug. 9.

STACIE HAMMEN and Bryan Kasper, Des Moines, Iowa, were married June 14.

ALYCIA HENEKE, Coralville, Iowa, is a graduate student at St. Ambrose University, Davenport, and an employee at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City.

BEN HOGAN and Jaci Schutte, Readlyn, Iowa, were married April 5. They announce the birth of Thomas Caleb, Aug. 14.

LINDSEY KEENEY, Anamosa, Iowa, is an assistant director family activity center with the Salvation Army.

RYAN KUKER and **ASHLEY SVEC**, Iowa Falls, Iowa were married July 19. Ashley is 2-4 special education teacher with the Webster City Community School District, Webster City.

MELISSA LACKORE, Garner, Iowa, is a K-12 vocal music teacher with the Kingsley-Pierson Community Schools, Kingsley.

TATE LAGE, Meservey, Iowa, was one of four who received the Dr. George and Emma J. Torrison Scholarship for 2008-09 to pursue a career in medicine. To be eligible, applicants must be graduating seniors accepted as first-year students in an accredited medical school and members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Tate will attend Des Moines University Medical School.

STACY LARSON, Wausau, Wis., is one of four recipients of the Caitlin Merie Hurrey Memorial Scholarship awards from the National Association for Music Education. She is an elementary vocal music teacher with the Mason City (Iowa) Community School District.

STEVEN LINDSETH, Ellsworth, Iowa, is a high school social studies teacher, junior high co-head coach and assistant varsity basketball coach with Sioux Central Community School District, Sioux Rapids.

JANNA McCLINTOCK, Charles City, Iowa, is in the accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at Allen College, Waterloo.

KATRINA MEYER, Wilmington, Del., is a construction coordinator with Habitat for Humanity through Lutheran Volunteer Corp.

TYLER MILLER, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa.

BRIAN MULLENBACH, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a personal banker with Wells Fargo Bank.

DAVID NEIL, Downs, Ill., is a teacher with the Peace Corp, Burkina Faso, Africa.

JENNA NICOL, Iowa City, Iowa, is a first-grade teacher with the West Liberty Community Schools, West Liberty.

TAYLOR OLSON and **AMANDA SWEET**, Waverly, Iowa, were married June 6, 2008.

ERIN ORNESS, Okoboji, Iowa, is the high school vocal music teacher with the Okoboji Community Schools, Milford.

BRITTANIA PANUSKA, Eagan, Minn., is a management trainee with Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

MATT PHILLIPS is a graduate student at Drake Law School, Des Moines, Iowa.

EMILY PYLE and Brian Koob, Rockwell, Iowa, were married June 21. Emily is a K-12 vocal teacher with CAL Community School District, Latimer.

ASHLEY ROGERS, Dubuque, Iowa, was selected by the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as its nominee for the 2008 NCAA Woman of the Year Award. The NCAA Woman of the Year Award honors senior student-athletes for their cumulative collegiate achievements in service, leadership, athletics and academics.

PAUL SABELKA is a residential officer with the Department of Corrections, Cedar Rapids.

ABBY SHOWALTER, Altoona, Iowa, is employed with Hawkeye Sports Properties, West Des Moines.

JAMIE SHUBATT, Eden Prairie, Minn., is an assistant account executive with Strother Communications Group, a public relations firm.

STEPHANIE STAUDT and Tyler Brunner, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., were married June 6.

ASHLEY MARIE STEINES, Waverly, Iowa, is a K-6 physical education teacher with the Waverly-Shell Rock Community Districts at Irving Elementary and Southeast Elementary.

NICK WILTGEN, Strawberry Point, Iowa, is the director of bands with the Starmont Community School District, Arlington.

JEFF ZITTERGRUEN and Chelsey Stoddard, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married July 19. Jeff is an eighth-grade math teacher, assistant freshman football coach and head seventh-grade boys basketball coach with Prairie Middle School.

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Christmas with Wartburg features commissioned work

Special music has been commissioned for Christmas with Wartburg 2008, *Christ's Star: The Light of the World.*

This year's production features the Wartburg Choir, Castle Singers and Wind Ensemble as well as members of Ritterchor, St. Elizabeth Chorale and Symphonic Band on mass numbers.

The performances will debut a work commissioned especially for Christmas with Wartburg. Paul Ayres, a composer from London, England, has written a multi-movement work for individual group or mass group performance. The commissioning was made possible through the generous support of the Ruth Weidler Drape Music Fund.

Ayres was born in London, studied music at Oxford University and now works as a freelance composer and arranger, choral conductor and musical director and organist and accompanist.

His compositions usually involve words—solo songs, choral pieces and music for theatre productions. New pieces have been commissioned by the British Broadcasting Corporation Singers, the London Festival of Contemporary Church Music, Concordia Youth Choir, Texas Lutheran University, Wheaton College and Alexandria Choral Society.

He is the conductor of the National Westminster City Chorus, London College of Music Chamber Choir, and the Walbrook Singers. He has worked as director of music at St. Peter's Church Ealing, and conductor of the Ealing Youth Choir, Jubilate Women's Choir, and Hanwell Children's Choir.

Paul Ayres

Christmas with Wartburg performances will take place at Neumann Auditorium, Thursday, Dec. 4; Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Friday, Dec. 5; the Des Moines Civic Center Saturday, Dec. 6; and Neumann Auditorium, Sunday, Dec. 7. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m., except for the Sunday Neumann concert, which begins at 3 p.m.

Kathryn Koob '60, lecturer in communication arts, will write the narration and the Rev. Larry Trachte '66, college pastor, will serve as narrator.

Tickets for all performances are $16.50 each. To order tickets for the Neumann Auditorium and Nazareth Lutheran Church performances, go to www.wartburg.edu/christmas or call the Ticket Office at 319-352-8691. Tickets for the Des Moines Civic Center performance must be ordered through Ticket Master at 515-243-1888 or www.ticketmaster.com.

All seats are reserved, except for the Nazareth performance.

A special holiday dinner will begin at 4:45 p.m. following the Dec. 7 performance at Wartburg. Follow the ticket procedure above to order dinner tickets online starting Nov. 3. Cost is $20.

– *Janeen Stewart*

In Memoriam

1931
HINREKA HAMEISTER BARTELS, Sac City, Iowa, died March 31 at the Park View Care Center. She was a long-time resident of Lytton and a lifelong member of Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church, where she was active until moving to the center seven years ago.

1937
PAUL JOHN SCHERB, Waverly, Iowa, died June 28 at Linden Place Assisted Living, Bartles Lutheran Retirement Community. He graduated from Wartburg Acadamy in 1932, attended Wartburg Normal College from 1932-33, and graduated from Wartburg College in 1937. He served the U.S. Army Air Corps for four years before earning a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. He was then employed at Wartburg as an instructor in the Biology Department before beginning his career at Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Company, retiring in 1979. He served as a member of the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community Board of Directors for 12 years.

1938
WILMA BURRACK KOOB, Monticello, Iowa, died May 4 at home following an extended illness. She taught in a number of different towns before teaching in Monticello. She received her Master of Library Science degree and was high school librarian until her retirement. She was active in her church, where she established the church library, and belonged to the 94 Club and the Monticello and Maquoketa golf clubs.

1939
GRACE JENSEN ALBRECHT, Winter Park, Fla., died Feb. 9. She taught in a one-room school house until she married, and then worked with her husband at Albrecht Distributors, a Badger Northland Farm Equipment vendor. After their retirement in 1968, they moved to Florida, where they enjoyed fishing and visiting family.

1940
GALEN E. NEAL, Shell Rock, Iowa, died Aug. 5 at the Shell Rock Care Center. He farmed for 30 years. He also worked for the Butler County Mutual Insurance Company and served its board for more than 30 years, retiring in 1980. He was on the Allison Rural Electric Cooperative Board for 30 years.

1943
DEONA MEINDERS DOHLMAN, Dumont, Iowa, died May 9 at the Dumont Wellness Center. She was a homemaker and mother of one son. She belonged to Dumont Reformed Church, the A & K Club and AMVET Auxiliary.

1944
The **REV. EDWARD P. GABEL,** Peoria, Ill., died June 22 at the Good Samaritan Home, Flanigan. After his June 8, 1947 ordination, he served congregations in Coatsburg, Westchester, Streator, Peoria, Arlington Heights and Danforth. and was chaplain at the Good Samaritan Home in Flanagan from 1983-1990. He also served four years as volunteer chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol of the U.S. Army Air Force, DuPage Squadron, Illinois Wing. He was a devoted Chicago Cubs fan and was honored as MVP for the Chicago City Baseball League in its championship game at Wrigley Field.

BERNICE DEBOWER SEEHUSEN, Allison, Iowa, died July 11 at the Waverly Health Care Center. She taught elementary school at Dows for three years. After her children were grown, she taught at Allison-Bristow. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Villmar.

1946
LEORA ONNEN ZELMER, Kilkenny, Minn., died Nov. 20, 2007, at Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie, Wyo. She worked as Kilkenny city clerk and was a member of the Legion Auxiliary and St. John's Women of the Church.

1948
BETTY K. WINTER McKNIGHT, St. Louis, Mo., died July 23.

1950
CHARLENE BAESSLER JAMES, Hardy, Iowa, died June 12 at Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge. After her children were grown, she returned to school and became a Licensed Practical Nurse. She also was postmistress of Hardy, was co-owner of James Sundries Drug Store in Renwick and was primary caregiver for her father until his death at 106. She volunteered and was member of many charitable, church and civic organizations in Humboldt County.

1951
The **REV. WILLIAM A. ANDERSON,** Waco, Texas, died Jan. 18. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, he was ordained Sept. 13, 1953. He served Christ Lutheran Church in Georgetown from 1953-56 and Christ Lutheran Church in Waco from 1956 until his retirement in 1993.

EMMAJEAN AARDAL MULLEN, Clarksville, Tenn., died July 26. A daughter of Albert Aardal, former Wartburg physics professor, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Mullen '53 and sister and brother-in-law, Anne Aardal Becker '43 and the Rev. Harold Becker '42.

1952
The **REV. DR. ROGER C. DIERKS,** DeWitt, Iowa, died July 17 at Westwing Place. A graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary, he received a Ph.D. degree in adult education at Indiana University, Bloomington. He served churches in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

KATHARINE NIELSEN POHLMANN, Huntley, Ill., died Sept. 1 at Kindred Hospital in Sycamore. Among her survivors are her husband, the Rev. Kenneth Pohlmann '52 and daughter, Kristine Stewart '75.

1953
KATHERINE MUELLER CLARK, Coon Rapids, Minn., died May 17. Born to missionary parents in what is now Iran, she served as missionary in Papau, New Guinea, for 12 years. She later taught first grade in Coon Rapids for 27 years, where she created and illustrated the school's blue jay mascott. Among her survivors are her daughter Robyn Clark Bridges '81 and son-in-law, the Rev. Danial Clark-Bridges '80, and her granddaughter, Sarah Clark-Bridges '12.

JOHN A. KUEHN, Grafton, Iowa, died Feb. 13, 2006. He served the U.S. Army in Japan

Dr. Ralph Otto '63

Alumnus, board member dies in plane crash

Dr. Ralph Otto '63, of Wilmette, Ill., died Aug. 10 in a plane crash in Wyoming.

Otto was killed when his plane was struck by a Cessna 172 northwest of Rock Springs-Sweetwater County Airport, Wyoming.

An avid pilot and enthusiastic member of the Flying Physicians Association, Otto was flying the plane. Also killed in the crash were Dr. C. Michael Downey of Columbus, Ohio, a fellow doctor and pilot who was flying with Dr. Otto. The pilot of the Cessna also died in the crash.

Otto's plane had been cleared to land and was on approach to the airport when it was hit by the Cessna, which was being flown by a student pilot.

Otto graduated from Wartburg with a degree in chemistry and biology. He went on to earn his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School in 1967. He was a cardiothoracic surgeon at Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago and a partner in Cardiac Surgery Associations, S.C.

He served the U.S. Air Force in Wiesbaden, Germany, from 1974-77. He later completed additional cardiac surgery training and joined DeBoer, Murphy and Associates as a cardiovascular surgeon. In 2003 Otto joined Cardiac Surgery Associates and was still practicing at the time of his death. He was instrumental in opening Resurrection's Cardiac Surgery program in 1992.

Otto served on the Wartburg Board of Regents since February 1992. In that capacity, he served as a member of the Academic Affairs Committee and Committee on Board Affairs and was previously a member of the Institutional Advancement Committee.

His wife, Diane, died in December from breast cancer.

Todd Bachman

Former Board of Regents member dies at Beijing Olympics

Todd L. Bachman, of Lakeville, Minn., died Aug. 9 in Beijing, China.

Bachman and his wife, Barbara were attacked by a knife-wielding assailant while sightseeing prior to the 2008 Summer Olympics. Bachman died at the scene. His wife suffered multiple lacerations and stab wounds and underwent approximately eight hours of surgery at a Beijing hospital.

The assailant jumped to his death from the second floor of the Drum Tower, a 13th-century historic site where the incident occurred. The Bachmans' youngest daughter, Elisabeth, was with them but was not injured. She played on the 2004 U.S. women's volleyball team and is married to Hugh McCutcheon, coach of the 2008 U.S. men's volleyball team.

Bachman served on the Wartburg Board of Regents from 1994 to 2003. He was chief executive officer and chairman of the board of Bachman's Inc., a 100-year-old family-owned floral and garden business based in Minneapolis. The company operates 29 retail stores in the Twin Cities and St. Cloud.

Bachman's other daughters are Sara McGregor '94 and Susan Bachman West '96, both of Lakeville, Minn.

during the Korean War. He was a sales representative for several hardware and wholesale plumbing and heating companies in Mason City and Ottumwa and Austin, Minn. He was also an estimator for mechanical contracting firm, Winger Contracting in Ottumwa and Paul's Plumbing and Heating in Osage.

EVELYN REISNER MANSON, Dubuque, Iowa, died Nov. 1, 2007. Among her survivors are her husband, the Rev. A. Duane Manson '54, retired chaplain of Luther Manor, where she lived at the time of her death.

PAUL H. SCHWERIN, Flanagan, Ill., died May 19, 2007 at the Good Samaritan Home. He served in the U.S. Army for two years. He then worked more than 40 years at the Flanagan State Bank, retiring in 1995. He was on the original board of directors of the Good Samaritan Home, where he also served as treasurer. He chaired the Flanagan Community Sale for more than 35 years and was instrumental in building the John W. Albrecht Memorial Medical Center in Pontiac. He was a lifetime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Flanagan, where he served for several years as janitor.

1956

BARBARA DOWNING NESS, Minneapolis, Minn., died May 15 of complications of arterial lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). She was a former elementary school teacher in Iowa Falls, Iowa, and St. Louis Park, Minn. Her children's book, *The Singing Mouse*, was published in 2006.

NORBERT C. WOODS, Broomfield, Colo., died June 30.

1958

ELNORA BREMER FRAME, Michigan City, Ind., died Aug. 10, 2007, at home. She was a teacher in the Michigan City area schools for 17 years and at St. Paul Lutheran School for three years.

The **REV. MARLOE KARLEN,** Lancaster, Ohio, died April 25 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. He was a member of the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was chaplain and later administrator of religious services for the Ohio Department of Corrections from 1977-1999. He was most recently part-time chaplain at Chillicothe Veterans Hospital.

1959

BARBARA VOIGTS BECKER, Iowa City, Iowa, died April 28 at Oaknoll Retirement Center. She taught at the Clarion and Dakota schools before becoming a mother. She later earned a Master of Library Science degree and was teacher-librarian at Robert Lucas Elementary School for more than 20 years. She then opened the library at Kate Wickham Elementary School, where she remained for six years before retiring in 2003. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, NEA and ISEA, Delta Kappa Gamma, Hancher Guild, University Club, Red Shoes Club and numerous book clubs. She was a volunteer reader at Mark Twain Elementary School.

1959

ROBERT H. SPRENGER, Coatsburg, Ill., died of colon cancer July 22 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy. He was a lifelong farmer and part-time electrician.

1962

CAROLYN BUSSE BURMAN, Fargo, N.D., died July 17 at home under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley. She was a volunteer at Rosewood Auxiliary and active in the First Lutheran Church Circle and Stonecroft Ministries.

1963

WILLIAM ELMORE, Gladbrook, Iowa, died Aug. 6 after a short battle with lung cancer. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1963-65. He then farmed for 42 years. He also was a member of Olivet Masonic Lodge No. 436, the Beaman American Legion Post No. 131 and Hawkeye Fly Fishing Club of Iowa. Well-known for his purebred Duroc breeding stock, he was a member of the Iowa Purebred Duroc Association Board, Tama County Pork Producers, and Tama County Fair Swine Board.

1970

JOHN J. HENDERSON, Rochester, Minn., died May 25 at Bethany Samaritan Heights Nursing Home. He received his master's degree in special education. He taught special education in Jamestown, N.D., Owensboro, Ky., and Charlotte, N.C. He retired in 1993 and in 1994 moved to Rochester, where he volunteered at the Mayo Clinic.

1979

DEAN CHRISTENSEN, Fort Worth, Texas, died of a heart attack July 26 in Independence, Iowa. He was a 23-year Fort Worth police veteran. He previously worked more than 10 years for Black Hawk County (Iowa) Sheriff's Department. While in Fort Worth he served on the gang unit for seven years and since 1999 on the bike unit.

1980

TIMOTHY R. SWARTZ, Troy, Ala., died Dec. 6, 2007.

PATTY VERDUGHT WESSEL, Aledo, Texas, died May 3 at Community Hospice of Fort Worth after a long battle with cancer. She had worked at Houston General Insurance Company and Willis of Texas Company. At the time of her death she was director of benefits analysis and compliance for human resources at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. Among her survivors are her husband, Kendall Wessel '79.

1991

RICK L. TIBBOTT, Manchester, Iowa, died July 13 at home following a lengthy illness. He was high school band instructor for the West Harrison Community Schools in Mondamin from 1991-93 and in Starmont Community Schools from 1993-2008. He earned a master's degree in education from Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wis. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Manchester. He also belonged to Iowa State Education Association, Starmont Education Association, Starmont Music Association, Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association, Iowa Bandmasters Association and the Eastern Iowa Brass Band.

1996

SARAH PLEGGENKUHLE PENNEWELL, St. Louis Park, Minn., died June 16 at home. She graduated from Luther Seminary, St. Paul in May, and was a member of the Lutheran Church of Hope in Anchorage, Alaska.

Former Faculty and Staff

DONNA J. BURRIER, Waverly, Iowa, died May 18 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home, Waterloo. She was the Iowa parcel agent in Waverly from 1970-78 and worked at State Bank of Waverly from 1979-92 and part time at Wartburg in development until1992.

DR. FRED HUBBARD, Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., died June 4 at at his home. A former Wartburg biology faculty member, 1953-57, he went on to become an international water resources specialist and environmental consultant. He had advised governments around the world in planning for safe and secure availability of water for human consumption, agriculture, electric power, fisheries and recreation. After moving to Hastings, he planned and implemented the transformation of a trash-filled wooded area into a nature trail.

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Feb. 14

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presented by the Music Department and Wartburg Players

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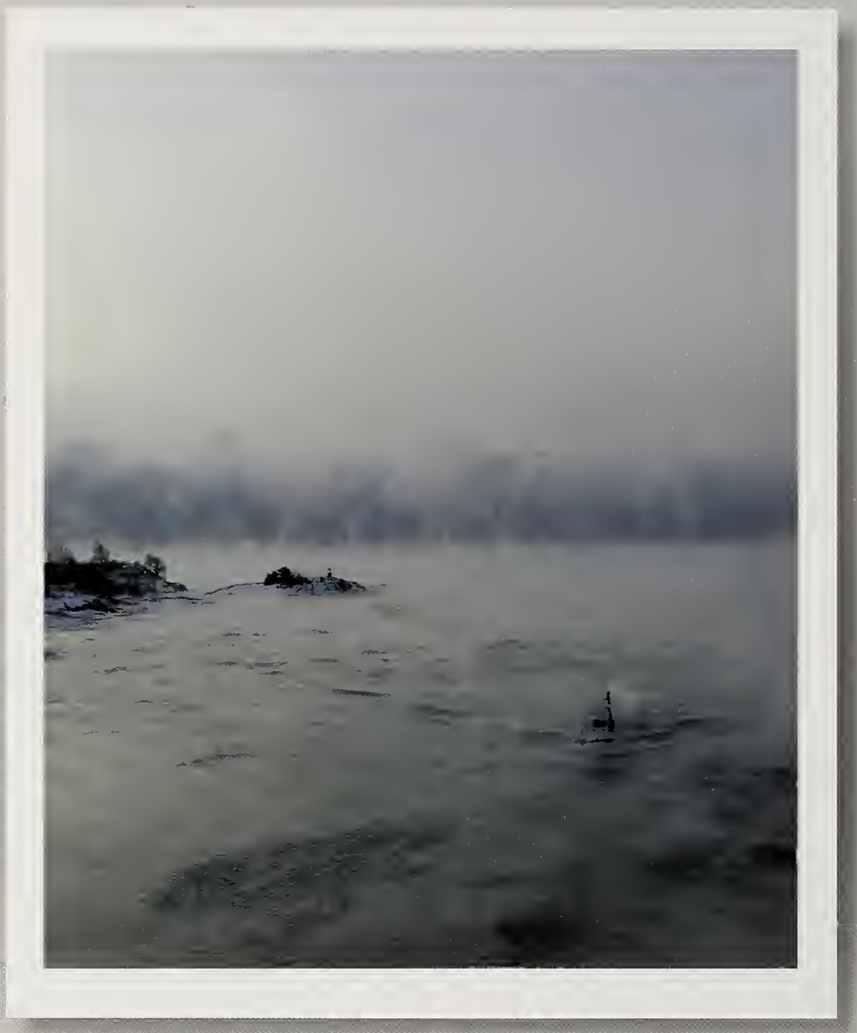

In the Mist

While living in Stockholm, Sweden, Peggy Hamilton '73 rose early one December morning to take some photos of the mist. This photo is of a tug boat coming to escort the ferry from Stockholm into the harbor at Helsinki. The temperature was about minus-20 degrees Fahrenheit when she snapped this picture. Hamilton, who works for IBM Global Services, lived in Sweden for two years before moving to Castle Rock, Colo.

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